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REBELS' RECKLESS CRIME.

NEW LIGHT ON POISONED CHOCOLATES.

WOMAN POLICE ARE HUNTING FOR.

THE WILD-EYED MADAME X.

HER ADVENTURES IN LONDON.

WHERE IS SHE?

The "Pall Mall Gazette" to-day is able to make some new and striking revelations with regard to the possible identity of the person who recently sent poisoned chocolates to Sir William Horwood, the Chief Commissioner of Police.

The police are searching for a woman fairly well known in London, and although her name, for obvious reasons, must be kept secret, the "Pall Mall Gazette" below gives her description and a resume of her career.

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DRUG-TAKER?

HER POSE AS WIFE OF A RUSSIAN.

(By Our Special Representative.)

It will be remembered that a parcel containing chocolate "whirls," enclosed in a toilet soap-box bearing the name of a firm of West End perfumiers, was received by Sir William, who inadvertently ate one.

The sweetmeat had been impregnated with arsenic, and the Commissioner, becoming ill, was taken to St. Thomas's Hospital, where he remained as a patient for a considerable time.

The Lunatic Theory.

It will be remembered, too, that the police at the time announced that, in their opinion, the chocolates had been sent by a lunatic, probably a woman.

I am now in possession of the description of a woman for whom search is being made.

Her name and the several aliases which she is in the habit of employing are well known to the police and to the "Pall Mall Gazette," but, for certain reasons, these must not be made public yet.

Unbalanced Brain.

The woman is not a lunatic, but possesses an excitable and markedly unbalanced brain, and is openly opposed to all forms of law and order.

She has, too, for years, announced in public and in letters her intention

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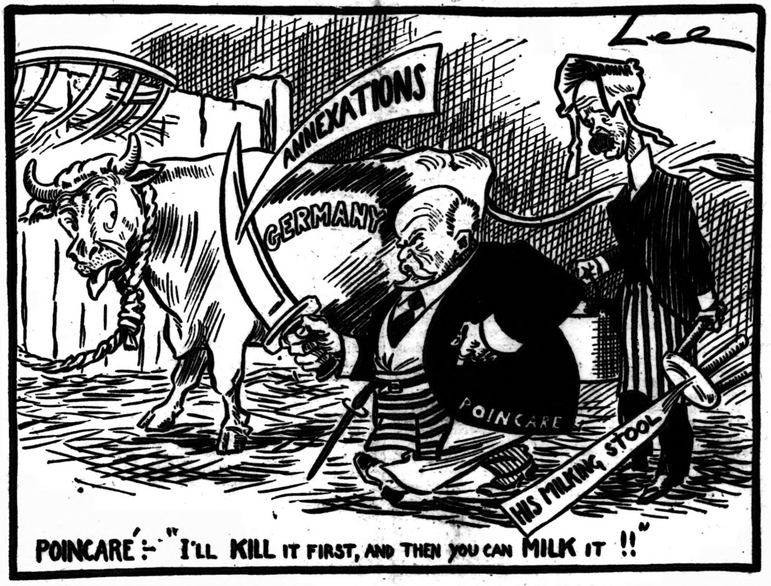
LATEST NEWS

H.P., 3.0.—Betting: Evens Henry B., 4 to 1 Gem, 7 to 1 Lord Bunny, 8 to 1 Kincraig, 10 to 1 Carrolstown, 100 to 8 others.

Opium Charge: Ellis sentenced six months and £10 fine; Roberts six months second division and £30 fine.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Ashington 2, Rochdale 0.
Liverpool 1, Chelsea 0.
Newcastle 1, Notts Forest 0.
Hartlepools United 5, Nelson 1.
Aberdeen 2, Celtic 1.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"CHOPS" FOR POINCARE!!

WORKMAN'S TRAIN WRECKED NEAR DUBLIN.

ENGINE TURNED LOOSE DESPITE WARNING THAT DISASTER MUST ENSUE.

EIGHT BADLY INJURED.

A reckless crime by Irish rebels is reported to-day.

Early this morning armed men held up a goods train, and despite a warning that a passenger train was almost due, detached the engine, sent it careering without driver in the direction of Dublin, and to a point where they had torn up the rails.

It was wrecked, and shortly after the workman's train dashed into the obstruction.

A terrible collision occurred, and eight passengers were badly injured, although, fortunately, none was killed.

PASSENGER'S VIVID STORY.

THREE COACHES DESTROYED, SEATS FLUNG THROUGH WINDOWS; MEN THOUGHT MINE HAD EXPLODED.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

Seven or eight persons were seriously injured in a terrible train smash on the Great Northern Railway, between Dublin and Howth, this morning.

The crash was due to another outrage perpetrated by armed raiders.

Seven armed men held up a goods train, which was proceeding from Dublin to Howth.

They had previously removed a section of the line at a bend some distance away.

Despite the Warning.

They ordered he fireman and driver to detach the engine from the wagons, and then sent the engine careering in the direction of Howth, despite the warning that the working-men's passenger train from Howth to Dublin was due to pass the point in a few minutes.

When the engine reached the break in the line it was derailed and blocked both the up and down permanent way.

Train Dashes Into Wreck.

The raiders made off, but before the 7.15 workmen's train could be stopped it had dashed into the derailed engine.

There was a shocking collision, although, fortunately, the train stuck to the metals.

The train consisted of four coaches, and carried about fifty passengers.

Three of the coaches were almost completely destroyed. Sides of carriages were torn away, seats were flung through the windows, while the passengers were tossed from one side of a carriage to another.

Heartrending Shrieks.

There were heartrending shrieks from the injured, and for some time passengers who were uninjured were afraid to go to the assistance of their more unfortunate fellow-travellers, momentarily expecting an attack from armed men.

When they did so they found injured men, women, and children lying helpless in their carriages.

Everything possible was done to alleviate their sufferings, and a message was sent to Dublin asking for medical aid.

Doctors and ambulances were quickly on the scene, and conveyed the injured to hospitals in Dublin.

Eye-Witness's Story.

Mr. B. Ellis, a Dublin Post Office telegraphist, who was a passenger on the train, gave me a vivid description of the collision.

"There was a terrible tearing and shattering of the coachwork," he said, "and carriage windows were smashed to smithereens.

Thought Mine Had Burst.

"At first we thought a land mine had exploded or that we were being heavily bombed.

"For some minutes we were afraid to leave the carriages, although it was frightful to sit and hear the cries of the injured.

"Some of the passengers who had escaped seemed almost demented.

"I was in the second coach, and the carriage next to mine had the side completely torn away.

"When I got down on to the line I found a man walking up and down

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'EASY STAGES' TO THE RUHR.

FRANCE'S CALMER TONE TO-DAY.

FRANC RALLIES.

BRITISH INTERESTS TO BE RESPECTED.

After the excitement caused on both sides of the Channel by the failure of the Premiers' Conference, there is to-day a saner tendency to take a calmer view.

Paris newspapers unite in declaring that France will do nothing which threatens the interests of the Allies, present or absent.

The hope is indeed expressed that eventually England may abandon her "benevolent neutrality" and associate herself with the policy of M. Poincaré. In any case, it is not expected that anything will be done before January 15.

The suggestion is made that M. Poincaré will proceed by "easy stages."

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EASIER FEELING.

HOPE THAT BRITAIN WILL CHANGE ATTITUDE.

No arrangements have yet been made for the Cabinet meeting which, it is expected, will be held early next week to consider the situation which has arisen in consequence of the failure of the Paris Conference.

Some significance is attached in well-informed circles in London to the fact that there has been no marked variation in the value of the franc since the breakdown of the Conference.

Financiers Not Alarmed.

This is regarded as an indication that financiers are disinclined to believe that France will take the extreme action which has been threatened during the past twenty-four hours.

Despatches received to-day in London from Lausanne show that the disagreement between Great Britain and France over Reparations has reacted in an unexpectedly favourable manner upon the Peace Conference.

"If the Allies cannot agree in Paris," said a high official this morning, "they are evidently determined to show that there is the strongest unity upon all other questions, and that there will be no weakening in their attitude towards the Turks."

Still Friendly.

It was reaffirmed to-day that, although there is now a clear-cut difference between this country and France upon the Reparations problem, this has not been in any way to the detriment of the deep-rooted friendliness between the two countries.

One particularly well-informed diplomat declared that on both sides of the Channel it was agreed that a publicly expressed disagreement was preferable to a "camouflaged compromise," which would prove unworkable.

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FRANC IMPROVES.

EXCHANGE MARKET GETS OVER THE SHOCK.

(By OUR CITY EDITOR.)

The foreign exchange market has got over the shock of yesterday's political news, and a distinct recovery has taken place in several currencies, particularly French francs.

The rate to-day has gone down to 66.10, as against 66.25 last night, while

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the Belgian rate is 71.72, against 72.10. Marks are the notable exception, but the rate, while no worse, still looks weakish a trifle under 40,000 to the £.

CHANGED TONE IN PARIS.

BID FOR BRITISH SUPPORT.

PARIS, Saturday.

The newspapers state that the Ministry of War is maintaining an attitude of reserve on the question of what military action may be taken, as the decision for such action rests with the Prime Minister.

It is declared, however, at the Ministry that the development of events has caused no surprise at General Headquarters, which was prepared for all eventualities.

The "Petit Parisien" says:—

> In having recourse to military measures such as the occupation of Essen and Bochum, the chief consideration which the French Government should keep in view should be to do nothing which threatens the interests of the Allies whether they are present or absent.
>
> In her enterprise France will not solicit the help of anyone, and when she acts she will conduct herself as if all the Allies were at her side.
>
> A place will be kept for England in all the organisations which may be created under the protection of the French and Belgian troops, whether for the collection of taxes on coal or for taking other economic "gages." If England thinks of altering her mind she will only need to range herself with us.

Strictly Limited.

According to the "Petit Journal" it is probable that the Belgian Headquarters' Staff will immediately get into contact with the French authorities in order to decide on common action. The two Governments do not intend that such action should go beyond the strict minimum considered indispensable.

The "Echo de Paris" recalls the following declarations which, it says, have been made to it in authoritative Government circles.

> We have not been able successfully to negotiate because a vital question for our country has been involved. Nevertheless, though there has been disagreement on a question of vital concern for ourselves, there is reason to believe that France and England will continue to proceed together hand in hand on all other points.
>
> Great Britain leaves us to act without giving her approval, and who knows but that this benevolent neutrality may not later on be transformed into co-operation and, association if we succeed? We remain, then, of opinion that it is only a question of a transient disagreement.

"Financiers" Blamed.

The "Matin" declares that international finance, which "continues unceasingly to defend German interests," will vainly endeavour to thwart the action of France.

> The secret association (it adds) which carries out its operations in all parts of the world and in six capitals on behalf of Berlin will be startled, and strain every effort to cause the franc to depreciate. Let them try it on. The franc will maintain its value.
>
> The association may set up a howl about "militarism." Let them do it. "Militarism" has saved civilisation. Profiteering is dishonoured.
>
> The association will struggle to save its marks to save its cash. It does not matter. Let them howl to their hearts' content.

—Reuter.

'PLANES OVER GERMANY

BERLIN, Saturday.

French aeroplanes are flying over occupied German territory apparently preparatory to military action, and have also crossed over unoccupied territory, hovering especially over Mannheim.—Central News.

WHITE HOUSE POLICY.

MR. HARVEY AGAIN SEES MR. HUGHES.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

Probably the most significant reference to the reparations problem was the statement made this evening at the White House that the question of American representation on the Reparation Commission, as suggested by Senator Robinson, had ceased to be of pressing importance, as the result of the developments in Paris.

It is noteworthy that during to-day's Cabinet meeting the question of reparations was not discussed, but Mr. Hughes, the Secretary of State, conferred for a long time during the day with Mr. Harvey, the American Ambassador in London.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATION TO-MORROW.

An official programme of the Labour demonstration to be held in Trafalgar Square, London, to-morrow, in connection with the National Unemployed Sunday movement, states that trade unions and local Labour parties, with the unemployed, will form six contingents at various centres.

SHOULD DOCTORS SIGN?

DEATH CERTIFIED WITHOUT SEEING BODY.

CORONER'S PROTEST.

MAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN BURIED ALIVE.

"It is a remarkable thing that a medical practitioner may be called upon at any time without seeing the body to say that death was due to an observed disease when violence or some other cause might have been present. This man might have been in a state of coma, and he might have been buried alive. The law of death registration should be altered."

These observations were made to-day by Dr. W. H. Whitehouse, the Greenwich coroner, holding an inquest on Edward Levi Rumsey, aged sixty-five, a pensioned gas works storeman, of Woolwich.

Widow's Story.

The man died suddenly yesterday afternoon, and the widow said that her daughter-in-law went to the doctor, who gave a certificate of death without coming to the house.

"I saw the doctor on Wednesday night and asked him to come," the widow added. "The doctor had not seen him for three months, and he said he would come in three or four days. I thought he really would come to see whether my husband really was dead. I was surprised that he gave a certificate."

"A Terrible Thing."

"I know," said the Coroner, "your husband, who suffered from uræmia, might have been in a state of uræmic coma. He might have been buried alive, and that would have been a terrible thing."

Medical evidence was given that death was revealed by a post-mortem examination to have been due to bronchitis, nephritis, and arterio sclerosis.

Law to Blame.

Recording a verdict of death from natural causes, the Coroner said: "This is one of the cases which show that no death certificate should be issued by a medical practitioner without examination of the body. I do not blame the doctor, but I complain of the state of the law which allows a doctor to give a certificate without seeing the body."

COCAINE AND OPIUM CHARGE.

NEW SEQUEL TO ARREST OF MAN AND WOMAN.

There was a development at Bow-street to-day in the adjourned case in which May Roberts, a good-looking young woman, of Upper North-street, Poplar, and Albert Ellis, thirty-three, commercial traveller, of George-street, Euston-square, were charged with being in unauthorised possession of black, or raw, opium.

Ellis was also charged on remand with unlawfully supplying opium to the woman, and a further charge was now preferred against him of being in possession of a quantity of cocaine.

The cocaine is alleged to have been found since the remand at Ellis's address in George-street, Euston-square.

At the previous hearing several solid blocks of raw opium, said to be worth more than £100, were exhibited in court.

Taxicab Chase.

The woman was arrested in a large motor-car after Scotland Yard detectives had pursued her in a taxicab from Limehouse to Wellington-street, Strand, and from thence to Ludgate-circus, where her car was held up in the traffic.

During the journey the officers had tried to manœuvre their cab in front of the car in an effort to stop it, but did not succeed.

It is alleged that on her arrival at Wellington-street she was met by Ellis, who placed in her car a parcel which was found to contain opium.

MISS CONSTANCE COLLIER

IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION REPORTED TO-DAY.

GENEVA, Saturday.

The doctors report a slight improvement in the condition of Miss Constance Collier, who is lying seriously ill in a nursing home at Territet.

The actress continues to be very cheerful.

She has been staying at Territet since the autumn, and recently took cold, which developed into bronchitis.—Central News.

Hedsor House, the seat of Lord Boston, and one of the most famous estates on the banks of the river Thames, is to be offered for sale by auction in lots by Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley.

NEW LIGHT ON POISONED CHOCOLATES.

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at some time of harming prominent Government and police officials.

This woman was born in Lancashire about thirty-five years ago.

Russian Friend.

During the late war she came into contact with a Russian who was in this country on behalf of his Government, and soon adopted his name and went about with him as his wife.

Since then she has on occasions used the name of Mme. ——.

Some time ago she found that her foreign name was rather irksome; as to a certain extent it caused her to be regarded with disfavour as an alien.

Death Threat.

She therefore produced and showed indiscriminately in the West End hotels and dance clubs which she then affected, a document purporting to be signed by a high official at Scotland Yard.

She has since, on several occasions, openly expressed her intention of causing the death of that official.

The document in question set forth that she had never been legally married to her Russian "husband," and that she was in reality Miss —— (a name well known in Lancashire).

Vanished.

Her whereabouts are quite unknown at the present time—the last occasion of her having been seen by any of her acquaintances or the police being in a well-known restaurant in Piccadilly about three months ago.

A rough description of the woman is as follows:—

Tall and thin.

Very dark hair and eyes.

Occasionally has a very wild expression.

Habitually talks with a Lancashire accent, but occasionally affects a foreign intonation.

It is thought that she may now have dyed her hair.

The woman is believed to be an habitual drug taker, and is, moreover, suspected of being connected with the drug traffic.

RAMSAY MACDONALD ON LABOUR "SCENES."

"INTERJECTIONS ALWAYS USELESS."

Referring to the Labour "scenes" in Parliament, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., in an article in the "Socialistic Review," says:—

"The party has created a few 'scenes' and indulges rather freely in interruptions during debate, and it is known that I am of opinion that such tactics are bad."

He adds that the Labour members did not at once feel that Parliament was an assembly which can do business only under the rules and etiquette of a deliberative body.

"Further, when some one was attacking us, some of us could not refrain from making interjections often by way of reply, sometimes by way of contempt.

"An interjection by way of a deadly sally is always good, and has always been common in Parliament, and every Parliament in which I have sat has had its genius who could not do it properly.

"An interjection by way of reply to what is being said is always useless, and lowers the influence of him who makes it and the section to which he is attached."

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

TO-DAY'S BULLETIN SAYS: STRENGTH MAINTAINED.

The following bulletin concerning the condition of H.R.H. Princess Victoria was published at Marlborough House to-day:—

"Strength maintained, and the condition of the patient is as satisfactory as can be expected."

Lord Kinnaird: No change.

Mr. Albert Chevalier: Going on satisfactorily.

TO-DAY'S DOMESTIC TIT-BIT.

To-day at Marylebone.

The Husband: We have lived together two weeks, and she has given me a black eye, clouted me over the head, and cut my finger.

The Wife: And he has thrown a saucepan at me, and struck me with a poker while I was sitting by the fireside knitting.

The executors of the late Sir Ernest Cassel have instructed Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley, in conjunction with Messrs. Bidwell and Sons, to offer the Hare Park estate, Newmarket, which extends to about 1,117 acres, by auction in the early spring.

JURY ON GAS DEATHS.

"LESS CARBON MONOXIDE SHOULD BE USED."

SUICIDE'S LETTER.

"PUT A BRASS PLATE ON MY SKULL."

An amazing letter was read at the inquest at Southwark to-day on James Charlesworth Preston, and L.C.C. tram worker, who was found dead on Tuesday, with a gaspipe near his mouth.

The letter was as follows:—

"Oh, I am tired. My heart is heavy. I don't know anybody, as I am all alone and no one to care for me, so I am going to my Maker in Heaven.

"God forgive me and have mercy on me and give me everlasting peace.

"Not Insane."

"I am not insane, as you may think. I am only broken-hearted. I have not a penny in the world; I have lost everything — more than anybody knows. I have battled for my living this last twenty years, and all my money has gone in the public-house, the racecourse, and card table.

"If I had anyone to care for me I would be happy. I give my body to some hospital, Guy's or St. Thomas's. I would like to have a small brass plate, with my name on it, put on my skull. It is almost midnight. I am going home. Home to my brothers and sisters in heaven. They are calling me home."

Heavy Brain.

Mrs. Annie Maxwell, a fellow-lodger, said Preston was single, and he used to talk a great deal about betting. He was eccentric in his habits.

Medical evidence showed that deceased died from syncope and asphyxia, due to poisoning by carbon monoxide. His brain weighed fifty-nine ounces, ten ounces over the normal.

The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind," and added a rider that "the jury wish to recommend a reduction of carbon monoxide in coal gas for household purposes."

WIDOW'S COLLAPSE IN HOTEL.

DEATH AFTER READING OF A WILL.

Attending the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on Thursday, to hear the reading of a will, under which she benefited, Mrs. Emily Schroder, of Crescent-road, West Green, N., widow of a paper merchant, while walking along the corrider exclaimed "Oh, dear," collapsed, and fell.

In her fall she tore the coat of a friend.

Though restoratives were applied, Mrs. Schroder died almost immediately.

At the inquest to-day, held by Mr. Walter Schroder, it was stated that death was due to heart disease and chronic disease of the kidneys.

A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was recorded.

ANOTHER GAS DEATH.

Lavinia Thomas, fifty-nine, the wife of a pensioned shipwright, was found lying unconscious near a gas ring, which was turned on, at her home in Portsmouth to-day. She died after artificial respiration had been tried for more than an hour.

Owing to the closing down of collieries, the unemployed have been increased from 900 to 2,700 in the Neath (Glamorgan) district.

REBELS' TRAIN CRIME.

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wringing his hands, while blood was pouring from his face.

"I went along the train and found a little boy and girl lying in one of the carriages severely injured.

"I did everything I could for them, but it was awful to witness the suffering of these innocent youngsters.

"Men and women could scarcely realise what had happened.

"When we had done all in our power for the injured, we walked along the line to Clontarf, where we caught a train to Dublin or walked into the city.

Narrow Escapes.

"The driver and firemen of the passenger train had very narrow escapes.

"The engine was badly damaged, and it was really the driver's presence of mind in shutting off steam which prevented a complete explosion when the collision occurred.

"The train was travelling at full speed. The driver was unable to observe the obstruction owing to the bend in the line.

"National troops are now searching the countryside."

"A breakdown gang was quickly at work, and it is hoped to get both the up and down lines working during the afternoon."

SEVEN HOURS BATTLE

THRILLING STORY OF GALLANT DEFENCE.

The Press Association's Cork correspondent telegraphs:—

At 10.30 on Thursday night Irregulars made simultaneous attacks upon all Free State posts in Millstreet, co. Cork, including the wireless station, which they occupied, capturing the guard.

Another outpost was also captured, and the attacking party concentrated upon the Carnegie Library, occupied by the main body of National troops, numbering about forty.

For seven hours the little garrison held out, and the Irregulars, presumably realising the futility of the attack, or running short of ammunition decamped.

During the night several shops and houses were broken into and quantities of goods were taken away.

The National troops lost Sergeant-Major Mahony, killed, and some soldiers wounded.

The capture of the wireless station cut off communication, and the garrison was unable to call assistance.

The soldiers captured by Irregulars at the wireless station have since reported to their posts.

Shot Dead.

Robert Finbar Tobin, living at Western-road, Cork, was shot dead in the vicinity of the Court House last night.

Deceased, accompanied by his wife, was walking along the street, when, at a corner, three men pulled out revolvers and fired several shots at him at point blank range.

Deceased, an employee of the Cork Pensions Office, was for a short time in the National Army after the troops occupied Cork.

17 POSTMEN HELD UP.

WHOLESALE MAIL ROBBERY IN CORK CITY.

A postman named O'Connor was held up by armed men in Cork this morning. They ordered him to hand over the postbag, but he refused, and they presented revolvers at him.

He still refused to give up the letters, and a shot was fired, wounding him in the neck.

In all seventeen postmen were held up in the city this morning and the mails taken.

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THE ILFORD EXECUTIONS.

DECISION CAUSES LITTLE SURPRISE.

TO-DAY'S VIEWS.

SHOULD DEATH PENALTY LAW BE REVISED?

The decision of the Home Secretary, announced in the "Pall Mall Gazette" last night, not to advise interference with the sentence of death passed on Mrs. Thompson and Frederick Bywaters, the Ilford murderers, has caused little surprise among the general public.

It appears to have been regarded as inevitable that, in view of the circumstances of the case, and the period which was allowed to elapse before making an announcement, no other decision would be arrived at.

While in many quarters it is regarded as the only one the Home Secretary could come to, there is, elsewhere, a renewal of the discussion raising various problems connected with capital punishment.

PRESS OPINIONS.

"THE RIGHT VERDICT" v. "RETROGRADE STEP."

THE ONLY COURSE.

It is true that the thought of putting to death a boy and a young woman is naturally abhorrent to the civilised mind.

But it is also true that executions of this nature are contrary neither to the custom nor to the law of the land, and one of the first essentials of civilised society is that the law and its penalties should be enforced in all cases of murder, unless extenuating circumstances can be proved to exist.

In this case there were none, and the Home Secretary, in our opinion, has taken the only course open to him.—The "Times"

COURSE OF THE LAW.

The *Home* Secretary's decision, that the Ilford murderers should hang, may come as a shock to many whose minds have been confused by sensational appeals. But it strikes us as the only one possible in conformity with the law.

Those who dislike capital punishment in any case, may, of course, object to it in this case; and that is the real position of most of the serious objectors.

But capital punishment is the law of the land, and must stand till Parliament repeals it.

There would be no justification for a Home Secretary to repeal it by administrative act; as Mr. Bridgeman would have done, if in a bad case like this, with many aggravating and no extenuating circumstances, he had interfered with the operation of the sentence. — "Daily Chronicle."

DEGREES OF MURDER.

If the law were allowed to do its work properly there would be no need to place on the shoulders of one man a burden as odious as that which rests upon the Home Secretary and has always been one of the bugbears of that honourable office.

The whole ground of prerogative is that murder is not one offence but many, and that they differ in degree. The law can decide this degree for itself: it is done in France, and there is a strong case for the proper classification of different murders.

A beginning has already been made with the case of women who kill their babies before they have recovered from the birth. Once these degrees of guilt were established punishment could be adjusted. A criminal would know that the sentence pronounced would be the sentence intended, and a step would be taken to the better respect of the law.—"Daily News."

THE LETTERS.

There is a bare possibility that the letters were written by Mrs. Thompson in order, as she phrased it, to "keep her lover." There is no evidence that she gave her husband poison or powdered glass. The medical evidence is consistent with the melodramatic hypothesis.

Therefore, it seems to me that it is a mistake to hang Mrs. Thompson. The public conscience would have been satisfied if the death sentence had been reduced to imprisonment for life as the just penalty of the guilt revealed in the letters, and in their influence on the mind of Bywaters.—Mr. James Douglas, in the "Daily Express."

REPRIEVE PETITIONS.

We do not see how he (the Home Secretary) could have come to any other decision.

Nothing could well be more unconsciously cruel than to buoy up the hopes of the guilty and of their relatives by encouraging the idea that favourable decisions can be wrested emotionally from a Law Officer of the Crown by a public outcry against a legal decision.

Naturally, those who agree with that decision do not join in this outcry. It is a one-sided affair.

And it is prompted by people who seem to imagine that we have given up Trial by Jury in this country, in favour of Trial by Emotion—the emotions of those who happen, quite arbitrarily, to be excited by the personalities involved.

If the conscience of the community has definitely turned against capital punishment—that is another matter. Parliament, not petitions, must then intervene

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for its abolition.—W. M. in the "Daily Mirror."

"A RETROGRADE STEP."

We believe this to be a retrograde step, in that it brings back a form of punishment against which there is an instinctive feeling of repugnance at a moment when it was hoped that, like other countries, we were preparing to get rid of this barbarous method of social justice, with its attendant unwholesome concentration on cases which have a morbid dramatic interest.

In discussing the matter we have approached the issues on the broad principle of whether capital punishment is a humane and satisfactory method of dealing with such crimes in these days; and we can only add the hope that when the passions and prejudices aroused by this particular case have subsided society will return to the consideration of that side of the problem.—"Westminster Gazette."

TROPICAL GARDEN FOR WEMBLEY.

FEATURE FOR THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

THE INDIES IN ENGLAND

A West Indian garden is to be a feature of the Empire Exhibition at Wembley.

The West Indies and Atlantic Group Committee are responsible for the proposal.

In their pavilion will be trade samples of sugar, cocoa, coffee, tobacco, bananas, and so on; outside in the garden the plants will be growing.

It will be necessary to nurse the plants for at least six months in order to prepare them gradually for the changed climatic conditions to which they will be subjected.

They will first of all be planted in tubs, and treated in botanic gardens in Jamaica, and when transported to England will be cared for in warm greenhouses until they can be transferred to the gardens.

Economic and Ornamental.

A most interesting selection is proposed, including:—

Tea,
Coffee,
Cocoa,
Sugar cane,
Cocoanut,
Tobacco,
Pineapple,
Grape Fruit,
Lemon,
Cotton,
Allspice,
Breadfruit,
Ginger,
Arrowroot,
Banana,
Orange,
Lime,
Mango.

Plants of striking ornamental character, such as the royal and cabbage palms, hibiscus, hedychium, carludovica, helisonia, canna, monstera, philodendron, anthurium, Turk's cap cactus, crinums, and orchids will add to the general effect of the garden and furnish some idea of the variety and interest of Western tropical vegetation.

ON TOUR.

VARIETY ARTISTS LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIA.

Pat Nash and Nellie Anderson, variety artists, sailed by the Suevic for a one-year tour of Australia.

Pat is Welsh, and Nellie is Scotch, and when a reporter saw them aboard ship prior to sailing they appeared to be engaged in an unrehearsed act, each speaking in native tongue to a bewildered steward, who was endeavouring to arrange the baggage to the satisfaction of both.

They are to tour with their speciality, "The Window Cleaner," as well as appear in pantomime and revue for the Sir Benjamin Fuller circuit.

The Three Brothers Krake also sailed by the Suevic to tour under the Fuller circuit with their novelty, the "Electric Tram Conductor."

They had their own full-sized tramcar with them, with which they have already made three trips to Africa.

LONDON 'PHONE CHIEF RETIRING

Mr. George Frederick Preston, London's telephone controller, is retiring at the end of this month.

Mr. Preston was first associated with the old London and Globe Telephone Company, and afterwards with the Northern District Telephone Company and the National Telephone Company.

In 1901 the Post Office made him manager of its new telephone system in London, and when the Government took over the National Telephone Company's system in 1912 Mr. Preston became controller of the London Telephone Service.

ANTARCTIC SETTING FOR BALL

The setting and decorations for the Chelsea Arts Club ball, which is to be held at the Albert Hall on Wednesday, February 7, will be "Antarctic," and will be designed by Sir Aston Webb, P.R.A., with the help of Commander Wild and the officers of the Quest.

TWIN DRUMMER BOYS.

Recruiting-Sergeant Alfred Turner, of Bath, has enlisted his twin sons, aged fourteen, in his own regiment, the Grenadier Guards. The lads are at Windsor being trained as drummers.

SUPER-TAX RETURNS.

PENDING CASE AGAINST CITY MAN.

REVENUE PROSECUTION

A sensation has been caused in City circles by the announcement that a summons has been served on one of London's most prominent business men.

He is Mr. Arthur Henry Benson, living at Ankerwycke, Wraysbury, close to Windsor.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" is informed that the summons was issued by the Bow-street magistrate on the request of the Inland Revenue authorities.

The summons is stated to call on Mr. Benson to answer a charge of perjury with respect to his personal super-tax returns.

The case will be heard on the 5th of next month.

DOOR-KNOCKER THIEF.

POLICEMAN'S FIND IN A HAT.

John Foden, fifty-nine, a seaman, living at King's Cross, was charged at Clerkenwell, to-day, with stealing two brass knockers with quaint antique heads.

Mrs. Reynolds, of Bond-street, it was stated, saw the defendant, from an upstairs window, wrench off her knocker.

She informed a constable who stopped Foden, and found a knocker in his hat. At the police station a second knocker was found in his pocket, which he said he got from the vicarage.

Foden said he did it for a joke. "They are 'jokeable' looking objects," he added.

He was sent to prison for six weeks.

SOAP WORKERS ON STRIKE.

A strike of workers commenced this morning at the soap works of Messrs. J. C. and J. Field, Limited, soap and candle manufacturers, of Upper Marsh, Lambeth.

The cause of the dispute was the posting of notices of a reduction of 4s. per week in the wages of men workers and 2s. in the wages of women workers, to take effect from to-day. Some three hundred workpeople are affected.

HOW G. B. S. WOULD IMPROVE LONDON.

REMOVE TOP STOREY FROM HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

—AND CLEAR OUT TOMBS FROM ABBEY.

The removal of the top storey of the Houses of Parliament is one of the improvements in the architecture of London suggested by Mr. G. B. Shaw in a letter to the current issue of "Architecture," the journal of the Society of Architects.

Mr. Shaw, writing from Adelphi-terrace, W.C., says:—

> Sir,—Why don't you send a competent young man round London to suggest improvements in existing ugly public buildings, and to mark the hopeless ones for demolition?
>
> For example, the Houses of Parliament could be made almost presentable by removing the top storey, and a list of the tombs which should be cleared out of Westminster Abbey would be very useful to a Bolshevik leader in the event of a dictatorship of the proletariat being established. That would give a practical turn to much pointless grumbling and sniffing.

A Reply.

Commenting on the letter, the editor remarks: "What architect, bringing up examples to illustrate his advocacy of a drastic expurgation of our architecture, would begin by pointing to the Houses of Parliament or to the Poets' Corner in the Abbey?

"Could anything be more contradictory than that the spot whither all England's eyes are turned in moments of collective sorrow or rejoicing should be the laughing-stock of all persons of sensitive tastes? That the ordinary citizen still invests them with a significance commensurate to their function Mr. Shaw's examples are proof enough.

"The architect's mind is much more occupied, and rightly occupied, with the work of his own day; and it may be that questions such as those raised by Mr. Shaw do not properly concern him at all, although the profession to which he belongs requires of him a critical as well as a creative activity."

It is officially announced that the fortieth annual Royal tournament will be held at Olympia from Thursday, May 24, to Saturday, June 9, inclusive.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT 'BY FRAUD.'

JUDGE CONDEMNS WELL-KNOWN DANCER.

PERJURY CHARGES.

SENSATIONAL MOVE IN FONTAINE CASE.

NEW YORK, Friday.

In the Supreme Court at Nyack Mr. Justice Thompson has vacated the annulment of the marriage of Miss Evan B. Fontaine, the dancer, who is suing Mr. Cornelius W. Whitney for 1,000,000 dollars for breach of promise.

The judge sustained the contention of Mr. Whitney's counsel that the Fontaine annulment from Sterling Adair in 1920, just prior to beginning her suit against Mr. Whitney, was obtained by fraud

Mother Involved.

The Court made an order for the records and exhibits of the case to be submitted to the District-Attorney and the grand jury of Rockland County, and for an inquiry into the alleged perjury of the girl and her mother, Mrs. Florence Fontaine.

The judge also recommended that the Bar Association should proceed against their Attorney, Mr. Charles Firestone.

"Gross Fraud."

The final paragraph of the Court's decision reads: "Gross fraud was perpetrated on the Court. Rank perjury was committed both by the plaintiff and her mother, and deceit and concealment were resorted to, while improper practices were indulged in by the plaintiff's attorney.—Central News.

U.S. ARTISTS ARRIVE.

Among the passengers on the Olympic, which arrived at Southampton to-day, were the American members of the company to support Mr. George Robey in the new revue, "You'd Be Surprised!" to be produced at Covent Garden.

The Baroness d'Erlanger will present prizes at a fancy dress carnival to be held at the Holland Park Skating Rink on Wednesday evening next.

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SATURDAY

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MAINLY ABOUT ACTORS.

Muriel Terry in "Polly"—The Rollicking Lieutenant—Boy Actor in "Treasure Island"—Charles Bignell Comes Back.

By GARRAT THORPE.

"I'm glad you liked my Mrs. Trapes," said Muriel Terry, who has just made such a hit at the Kingsway in "Polly."

I told her that it went farther than that. "I recognise," I said, "what a difficult part it is to play, how with all those saucy lines in the part, and the character of the dear madam so completely unembarrassed with virtue, the slightest over-emphasis or broadening of effect would make the part incredibly vulgar."

Muriel Terry.

Miss Terry: "I'm so glad you think so. There were those who thought I ought to have a red nose, padded contour, and a rich guffaw."

Myself: "If you had you would have torn the dainty Gay-Bax-Austin musical-box to pieces. Your finesse, your piquant artificiality, were exquisitely of the period."

Miss Terry: "Yes, they skated over thin ice like the dancers in a minuet."

Myself: "I think the production is a marvel of good casting."

Playfair's Genius.

Miss Terry: "Playfair is a genius in that, as in other ways. His people are so true to type. And most English producers don't seem to think of that at all. You'll find mother and daughter played by two flappers looking like twins. Yes, I know that is partly because some of our actresses will not consent to look old."

Myself: "Or ugly."

Miss Terry: "Yes, isn't it silly? It's so differen abroad. I'm a grand-apera singer, really, you know."

Myself: "I know you are a fine actress."

Miss Terry: "Shameless flatterer! Well, I've done much of my opera work on the Continent. For example, I've played Carmen in Mannheim, Munich, and Vienna. And I found there that the producers take extraordinary pains to get their types exactly right. Perhaps that is why Continental actors seem to act so well."

Myself: "Whereas our people often seem to have gone to a mis-fit tailor and been badly served."

A Rollicking Lieutenant.

Macheath's rollicking lieutenant (Parsons) was still in his ferocious make-up and as amiable as ever. I told him how the action of "Polly" had seemed to lag and falter until, with his entrance, it had burst into gaiety.

Parsons: "It's a great part, and an easy one, and we're splendidly produced."

Myself: "But I thought you were a straight-comedy actor?"

Parsons: "Well, I came over in 'Tiger Rose,' and I've done another straight-comedy part here. But I daresay you saw me in one musical show: 'Mary.' But the fact is, I gave up musical plays about nine years ago in America because they weren't writing any parts to suit me."

"Treasure Island."

The best of Frederick Peisley, who has done so well as Jim Hawkins in "Treasure Island" at the Strand, is that, though he is getting on for eighteen, he is still an unspoiled boy. Of course, he is wildly excited about his success, but his head hasn't swollen a centimetre.

"I just drifted on to the stage, in a manner of speaking," he said. "As far as I know, none of my relations have been on the stage. I had some training from Miss Italia Conte. But my first part at the St. James's four years ago, in "The Eyes of Youth," consisted of just one line."

Myself: "Whereas, in 'Treasure Island'?"

Peisley: "I counted them yesterday. They top 250. Some jump!"

Myself: "But nothing to the jumps you give in your fight with Israel Hands."

Peisley's eyes lit up, and he smiled like a schoolboy who has just won the school sprint. "Bit of a lark, isn't it?" he said, with admirable nonchalance. "The fact is," he went on, abandoning his reserve all at once, "I think Jim is the most wonderful part ever written for a boy. I revel in every scene. As for that fight, words fail me. But I tell you, sir, that every time that black-hearted scoundrel Hands falls into the sea I feel all of a glow."

Mr. Frederick Peisley.

A "Fluke."

Myself: "I suppose that Mr. Bourchier spotted your work in 'The Blue Lagoon'?"

Peisley: "No! But I say, you know, I've been in 'Christopher Sly,' 'The Wandering Jew,' and 'The Secret Agent' as well."

Myself: "I apologise."

Peisley: "Don't rag! But I got this part by a sheer fluke. Of course, I knew "Treasure Island" backwards, and when I heard it was coming on, I felt I must have a shot at doing something in the show. So I went down to the theatre, and asked Captain Helmsley if he'd have me as understudy to Jim. He took my name, and then I had to wait for days. I must have been a beastly nuisance to my friends. Then they sent me word to attend for inspection. There were twelve of us, hating each other like poison. Mr. Bourchier ran his eyes over us in his big, kindly way, and then said to me abruptly: "What's your name, my boy?" I told him, and he said, "Well, you're Jim Hawkins." And then I had buzzings in my ears, and the stage went round like a top. I think Mr. Bourchier's the most wonderful man in the world, don't you?"

I agreed.

Marguerite's Joy.

Marguerite Corneille stepped into the dressing-room like a girl of eighteen. "Ah," she said, as she sank into a chair, "isn't it wonderful? To come back after all those years and find that the public still loves you! I had grave doubts about it. You know that I had my vogue in the old Halls."

Marguerite Corneille.

Myself: "You were one of our brightest stars."

Miss Corneille: "Well, I had my vogue. They still liked me when I left the stage. Suppose when I came on again at the Palladium they gave me the bird! It would have been terrible. But I came——"

Myself: "And saw; and conquered. By the bye, did you always sing with a French accent?"

Miss Corneille: "Oh, always. You see, I am really French, and I think that in singing of my sort there should be no fake."

Bignell's "Come Back."

"It seems a long time since the Coronation of Edward VII.," I said to Charles Bignell, when I met him in the wings at the Palladium, where the air still echoed with the cheers.

Bignell: "Yes, my Coronation song must have been sung on every square yard of British soil the world over. Of course, it wasn't a patriotic song, like "What ho, she bumps!" But the publishers sold hundreds of thousands of copies. The old man was very popular."

Myself: "Were you nervous about coming back?"

Bignell: "Can't say that I was. Though I did wonder how they'd take me after all these years. Perhaps they'd say, 'Charley's gone off. Well, I could stand it."

"It wasn't till after the first two numbers had been put over by the earlier turns that I began to get excited. Then the laughs and the applause brought me with a jolt to the idea: 'Charles, there's many of those in front are going to hear you sing for the first time.' I'd had the silly notion up till then that I was coming on again before an old Tivoli or Oxford house. So I said to myself: 'Charles, here's something worth doing. Here, in your old age, is a new audience to get hold of.'"

Myself: "Which you did."

Days of Hustle.

Bignell: "Hope so! The last time I was on in the West End was at the Pav., the Tivoli, and the Oxford at the same time—the Syndicate Halls, you know. Such a thing couldn't happen now, but we thought nothing of doing four songs at each hall.

"I've seen as many as seven comedians on one bill, and not one of them clashing with the other. I think the present-day halls could do with a few more comedians and a few more serio-comics. I was getting a bit tired of young men in evening dress who sing two bad songs and one fair to middling, and put on a lot of swank. The young low comedian should be encouraged. Then the music halls will soon get back where they were."

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PORTRAITS FOR THE NATION.

SARGENT GROUP GIVEN BY MR. WERTHEIMER.

FINE EXAMPLES.

THE ARTIST "QUITE PUFFED UP."

(By Our Special Representative.)

In the portraits of his family, painted by John Sargent and bequeathed to the National Gallery by the late Mr. Asher Wertheimer, the nation has acquired a unique group of pictures, in that they represent a phase of life in two generations.

"The collection is valuable now," said an official of the National Gallery to a "Pall Mall Gazette" representative, "but that value will greatly increase in the future."

But apart from their social interest, it is their artistic qualities that give these paintings their ultimate value. They are all fine examples of the famous artist's work.

It is, indeed, hard to find a favourite out of the nine pictures that form the collection.

Perhaps the best is the portrait of Mr. Wertheimer's son Alfred, with its strong, sombre tones, and noble attitude.

A Group Portrait.

But an especial charm of conception and colour belongs to the group portrait of Mr. Wertheimer's three youngest children—Essie, Ruby, and Ferdinand. Besides the poetry of the composition, a fine use is made of the red of the child's dress and a red drapery, together with the green tones, like the cool green of clear water, in the dress of the second girl, and the chintz cover of a settee.

While I was there Mr. Sargent came in to look at the hanging of his work. He was accompanied by Sir Phillip Sassoon, and seemed greatly satisfied with the disposition of the portraits.

"I feel quite puffed up," he said, as he was leaving.

The exhibition, when opened to the public on Wednesday, is expected to draw a very large number of people.

To-day members of the National Art Collectors' Fund will be admitted on production of their membership cards.

MR. BALDWIN'S MISSION.

ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN ON MONDAY.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

Although Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Norman informally conferred with President Harding at the White House late to-day and later called on Mr. Mellon, the actual discussion of the debt funders probably will not begin until Monday.

The administrationers conferred with Mr. Harvey lengthily concerning the situation.—Exchange.

"BRITAIN ALSO RAN."

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—We were very interested in the article "Britain 'Also Ran'" in your issue of December 21, dealing with the motor trade abroad.

In the case of Austin products the export trade is distinctly improving, and is growing rapidly. We are happy to say that Austin cars have always enjoyed a good reputation abroad, particularly in the British Dominions, and we are now shipping cars to:—

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CIRCUS & XMAS FAIR, OLYMPIA. Daily until Jan. 20 at 2.30 and 8. Box-office, Olympia, 10 to 10. Hammersmith 2729 and Agencies. Reserved, 3/6 to 10/6. Unreserved, 2/4. Circus Seats admit to Fair.

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OPERA, Etc.

COVENT GARDEN. British National Opera Co. To-day, 2.30, Hansel, 8.30, La Boheme; Tues., 8.30, Hansel; Wed., 2.30, Hansel, 8, Phoebus and Pan, and Pagliacci; Thurs., 7.15, Siegfried.

KINGSWAY. Gerr. 4032. To-day 2.30, 8.15. Mats. Th. & Sat. at 2.30. POLLY. The sequel to "The Beggar's Opera." Fitz Chetham as Macheath.

LYRIC, Hammersmith. TO-DAY 2.30 & 8.15. THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. MATINEES WED. & SAT. at 2.30.

REGENT, King's-cross. Museum 3183. THE IMMORTAL HOUR. A Music Drama. EVERY EVENING at 8.30. Play for the Children's Holidays, see Regent below.

THEATRES.

ADELPHI. (Gerr. 2645.) To-day 2.15 & 8.15. Matinees Weds. & Sats. 2.15. THE ISLAND KING. W. H. BERRY. Nancie Lovat, Dorothy Shale, Peter Gawthorne.

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CRITERION. To-day 2.30 & 8.40. CYRIL MAUDE in "THE DIPPERS."

DALY'S. 2.15, 8.15. Mats., Wed. & Sat., 2.15. THE LADY OF THE ROSE. Huntley Wright, Harry Welchman, Ivy Tresmand, Phyllis Dare.

DRURY LANE. (Gerr. 2588.) To-day, 2.15 & 8. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.15. DECAMERON NIGHTS. Ellis Jeffreys, Margaret Bannerman, Gladys Ancrum.

DUKE OF YORK'S. DAILY, 2.15 & 7.30. THE BLUE BIRD. By Maurice Maeterlinck. (Ger. 313.)

EMPIRE. Gerr. 3527. To-day, 2.30 and 8.30. Godfrey Tearle in "ARLEQUIN." Mats., Wed. and Sat. at 2.30.

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GAIETY. JOSE COLLINS in THE LAST WALTZ by Oscar Straus. TO-DAY, 2.30 & 8.15. MATS., THURS., SAT., 2.30.

GARRICK. 2.30, 8.30. Mats. Mon., Wed., Sat., 2.30. BIFFY. With Teddie Gerard and Robert Hale. 50th Perf.

GLOBE. 2.30, 8.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.30. THE LAUGHING LADY. By Alfred Sutro. Leslie Faber, Violet Vanbrugh, and Marie Lohr.

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ALLIES TO HURRY ON A DECISION.

UNITED FRONT.

AN ULTIMATUM ON CAPITULATIONS.

The Allies hope to be able to present peace conditions to the Turks by next Friday.

Their patience has almost been exhausted, and no more dallying will be permitted.

It is stated that France and England are working in perfect harmony.

The Turks to-day left one of the sub-commissions in a temper.

NO MORE DELAY.

ALLIES' PATIENCE EXHAUSTED.

LAUSANNE, Saturday.

With the British and French in perfect agreement, the Turks will this afternoon, at a full meeting of the Capitulations Commission, be handed the Allies' final judgment on the regime for foreigners in Turkey, which is to replace the old system of Capitulations.

Should the Turks maintain, as is expected, their uncompromising attitude and refuse to grant foreigners any further legal protection than is afforded by their own judicial system, the Allies will flatly refuse to discuss the subject any more, and will embody their final views on this matter in the draft treaty, which it is expected will be ready by January 12.

Thus, unless the Turks give way, this afternoon's meeting of the Capitulations Commission must be the last.

The Allies, on the other hand, now seem decided to push on the Conference as quickly as possible, not allowing it to drag along as in the past two weeks.—Exchange.

IN A RAGE.

TURKS LEAVE A MEETING.

LAUSANNE, Saturday.

The sitting of the Minorities Sub-Commission concluded in an outburst of temper on the part of the Turkish delegate, who refused to discuss the question of the Armenians' national home or questions relating to the Chaldeans or Bulgarians.

The Turks left the room in a rage.

The incident has been reported to the other chief delegates, who are discussing the position.—Reuter.

DEBT PROBLEM.

ALBANIA AND GREECE OBJECT.

LAUSANNE, Saturday.

The Sub-Committee on Finance sat yesterday, M. Bompart presiding, to consider the differences existing on the subject of the Ottoman debt. Albania refused to participate in the expenses of the Baghdad railway as it derived no benefit, and M. Venizelos raised objections of the same character.

The Allies replied that as it was not possible to use funds from the Turkish loan they took into account the economic resources of each region.

On questions of war damages, the Turks refused to endorse the costs of the occupation by Allied troops.

Following a conference between Lord Curzon, M. Barrere, Mr. Child, and the Marchese Garroni, it was decided that three Commissions should sit next week in order that on Friday the proposed conditions for peace might be deposited at the Conference office.—Central News.

ORIENTAL WAGGERY.

PROPOSAL THAT WOULD LEAD NOWHERE.

The Turks yesterday, under the leadership of Ferid Bey, lately from Paris, gave an exhibition of levity and inconstancy of purpose at the meeting of the Sub-Commission on Turkish debts, which leads the observer towards the opinion that they either do not understand anything about the subject or that they are not serious, says the "Times" correspondent.

Finding one pretension rebuffed by the Allies, the Turkish representatives in the Sub-Commission immediately abandoned all the various clauses which they had from time to time accepted during nearly six weeks of discussion, and announced that they intended to produce an entire set of counter-proposals of their own which would be laid before the Sub-Commission at its next meeting.

(Continued from Preceding Column.)

In making this suggestion they were fully aware that there is to be no further meeting of the Sub-Commission.

Consequently it is not unnatural to assume that the Allies have been treated to an exhibition of Oriental waggery which is not altogether in place at a peace conference.

"THE SERAGLIO."

MOZART'S OPERA AT COVENT GARDEN.

DIFFICULT TASKS.

In spite of its apparent lightness, or perhaps because of it, Mozart's "The Seraglio" is one of the most difficult operas to present well.

Perfection in it is unattainable, for the same reasons that make a perfect Juliet practically impossible on the dramatic stage.

Where the vocal requisites are considered paramounts, the stage illusion suffers, and the modern tendency is to strive for at least a moderate illusion.

Last night's performance must be judged in that light. Neither Miss Gertrude Johnson as Costanga nor Miss Lillian Stanford as Blonda have the experience necessary for such music, but, by the time they have acquired it, they will not be equally successful with the illusion of the story.

Really Very Good.

From this point of view their performance was really a very good one, and so was that of Mr. Raymond Ellis, another young singer, who makes the most of brief experience.

The other standard was represented by Mr. Robert Radford as Osmin—his old part—and Mr. Walter Hyde as Belmonte, both of whom were admirable.

Mr. Eugene Goossens conducted Trust a "modernist" to be at his best with Mozart! E. E.

CANADIAN PIANIST.

NATIONAL LABELS A MISTAKE.

In the announcements of her recital, Miss Zoë Cresser-Gaskins was described as "the Canadian pianist," but we trust that the Dominion can do better.

The national label for these occasions is, in fact, becoming a nuisance.

There may be a Russian way of writing music, but there is no special Canadian way of playing the piano.

The recital was, in fact, one of those that should be given privately. The stage to which Miss Zoë Cresser-Gaskins has attained, as revealed by her playing of Schumann's G minor sonata, is of interest to her friends, but scarcely to the musical world at large.

E. E.

A ROYAL £1,000.

THE KING'S GIFT TO LONDON HOSPITALS.

Amongst the latest contributions to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London is the sum of £1,000, being the annual subscription of his Majesty the King, patron of the fund.

£400 AFTER POVERTY PLEA.

Only a few days before a fire which destroyed a village store and house at Blagdon, Somerset, Miss Mary Ann Filer had told an insurance collector that she was unable to pay a small contribution, and on other occasions she is stated to have pleaded very limited means.

After the fire there was found among the débris a fortune totalling about £400, and made up of every variety of coins—about £78 being in gold.

TWENTY KILLED BY EXPLOSION

SOFIA, Friday.

A dozen buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged to-day as the result of an explosion in an iron and steel factory.

Twenty persons were killed, and many seriously injured. The explosion is said to be due to munitions in the factory, which, it is alleged, were handed by the Government to the Inter-Allied Commission and sold to private persons.—Central News.

FRENCH POLICY.

LAUSANNE, Saturday.

M. Barrère's visit to Paris is for the purpose of conferring with M. Poincaré, but the French Government have no intention of changing the policy which they have followed up to the present.—Central News.

COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL.

BIG STEAMER BOUND FOR LONDON AND SCHOONER

ROCKET SPECTACLE.

WONDERFUL SIGHT OFF LIGHTSHIP.

A wonderful spectacle was witnessed off Deal at five o'clock this morning, when numerous distress rockets, fired by the Gull Lightship, illuminated the Channel, calling out the Deal and Ramsgate lifeboats, the motor-boats from Deal, and steam tugs from Dover.

A serious collision had occurred midway between the North Goodwin and Gull Lightships between an unknown three-masted schooner, believed to be Danish, and the large Japanese steamer Dakar Maru.

The vessels, it is stated, collided with such force that both got damaged, the schooner so seriously that she drifted in a helpless and battered condition towards the treacherous Goodwins.

Steam tugs were despatched to salve her and the Japanese steamer.

Motor-boats and lifeboats also stood by.

Help from Tug.

Later, according to a Lloyds message, the tug Lady Duncannon stated that it had picked up the schooner, which had its sprit broken and bow badly damaged, and was towing it to Dover, where its arrival has since been reported.

The Dakar Maru is bound from Yokohama for London and Hamburg.

Other messages give the name of the schooner variously as the Frem of Marstal, Denmark, and the Flyn, bound for Charleston, Cornwall, from Lingsund.

The Dakar Maru later proceeded to London.

THREE PILOTS DROWNED

BOAT CAPSIZES WHILE PUTTING OUT TO BOARD STEAMER.

Three pilots—Alexander Miller, James Doherty, and Thomas Doherty—lost their lives off Port Stewart this morning through their boat capsizing as they were putting out to board a steamer bound for Coleraine.

Cries awakened the local fishermen, who went out and discovered the capsized boat, but no trace of the men.

ABANDONED SHIP MYSTERY

A Lloyd's message from Clovelly today says:—

A topsail schooner, name unknown, under full sail, drifted ashore on Bucks Ledge.

The lifeboat was launched, and on returning reported that no one was on board, the crew apparently having left in their own boat.

The lifeboat is now searching for the boat.

CHELSEA BURGLARY.

£400 WORTH OF JEWELS FROM A FLAT.

During the night burglars entered the flat of Mr. A. B. Seale, in Rossetti-gardens, Chelsea, by forcing the front door with a jemmy, and stole over £400 worth of jewellery.

The articles taken included four gold rings, four wristlet watches, and two strings of pearls.

Over £50 worth of articles, including a number of ladies' handbags, were removed by thieves who, during the night, broke into the shop in Buckingham Palace-road of Mr. Georges Barhinger.

MAYOR WHO WAS SHOT

MEMORY OF GERMAN CRIME IN STREET NAME.

PARIS, Saturday.

M. Millerand has approved a decision taken by the Municipal Council of Chamant, near Senlis, by which a street of the commune is to be named after M. Eugene Odent.

M. Odent was Mayor of Senlis in 1914, and was taken as a hostage by the Germans, afterwards being led out into a field at Chamant and shot, without even the semblance of a trial.

The main street of Senlis was set on fire by the Germans as they passed through.—Reuter.

K.C. LEAVES £110,000.

Mr. Graham Hastings, K.C., of 19, Hyde Park-street, Paddington, W., late of The Croft, Hindhead, Surrey, the Senior Bencher of Lincoln's Inn and a leading specialist on company law, who died December 5, aged ninety-two years, left estate of the gross value of £110,742 12s. 6d., with net personalty £105,239.

The testator left £50 to his old family servant, Eliza Wright.

NEWS FROM FILMLAND.

Public's Choice of Parts in "Ben Hur"—A New "Spider" Film—Violet Hopson's Latest Turf Drama.

By W. HAYWOOD.

Whom do you want to act Ben Hur in the great Goldwyn film of that name? Goldwyn Pictures Corporation are inviting anyone to write to them suggesting a suitable actor for the part. Ben Hur must not only be an actor, he must be an athlete, for the chariot race will probably be the most difficult scene ever screened for a picture, so that the choice is rather limited. Suggestions are also wanted for the villain, Messala, the gentle Esther, and Iras, the "vamp." Write to the Promotion Department, Goldwyn (Ltd.), 12, Great Newport-street, London, W.C. 2.

Shirley Mason.

There is probably no more popular portrayer of ingenue rôles in screen drama than the fascinating Fox star, Shirley Mason. Although only twenty-one years of age, she has behind her a long record of successes.

She is the youngest of three sisters of film fame, the other two being Viola Dana and Edna Flugarth. The latter is well known for her work in this country.

Shirley Mason.

Shirley achieved her first big success in motion pictures in "Her Elephant Man," adapted from Pearl Doles Bell's vivid novel of circus life. It was in this picture that she made her début as a Fox star.

Since that time the charming actress has completed over twenty productions, among which may be mentioned "Wing Toy," a drama of Old Chinatown; "The Lamplighter," based on the popular novel by Maria S. Cummings; and the screen version of Israel Zangwill's celebrated stage success "Merely Mary Ann." In the latter picture Miss Mason gave a splendid performance as the "little maid-of-all-work."

"Moriarty."

"'Hell!' said the Duchess, and she waved her green wooden leg." We all know the story of the young man who, having been told that what was required in a story was an arresting beginning, produced this sentence.

The advice, however, is good, whatever it brought forth in this instance, and it is as applicable to a film as to a story.

Goldwyn's "Moriarty," in which John Barrymore appears as Sherlock Holmes, begins, we are told, with a grand scene taken from an aeroplane flying over London.

The Spider's Parlour.

We are to see below us Whitehall and Trafalgar Square, and then we are to descend to earth at Scotland Yard and hear of the crime mystery which led to the capture of Moriarty.

Equally good is the first entrance of Moriarty; a spider is to be seen sitting in the middle of its dew-spangled web; the spider dissolves into the criminal's sinister head, and then the web fades away, revealing him in the den hidden in London's underworld, whence he spins the plots which entrap and poison human happiness.

Stars in the Ascendant.

Victor McLaglen.

Despite the bad times which have prevailed in British filmland during the past year, several hitherto unknown artistes have made their mark during that time and are now established as leading British players. Amongst these are Victor McLaglen, who, making a hit in his very first film, has established himself as a favourite during his past year's work.

Prominent amongst the films in which he has played are "Corinthian Jack," "The Little Brother of God," "A Sailor Tramp," and "The Romany."

"The Prisoner of Zenda."

It is interesting to learn that when "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" is withdrawn from the Palace Theatre on January 28 a film version of Sir Anthony Hope's popular novel "The Prisoner of Zenda," will be presented the following day at the same theatre.

The West Studios.

Walter West.

Undoubtedly one of the busiest British studios during 1922 was that controlled by Mr. Walter West, of Walter West Productions, for during the past 10 months he has been responsible for no less than six five-reel productions — varying greatly in theme and treatment. Amongst these productions are "Son of Kissing Cup," "When Greek Meets Greek," "The White Hope," "Was She Justified?" "Scarlet Lady," and "Hornets' Nest," which latter film has just been completed.

New Racing Film.

Some of the well-known players who have appeared under Mr. West's direction are Violet Hopson, Stewart Rome, Florence Turner, Cameron Carr, Lionelle Howard, John McAndrews, Ivy Close, Lewis Gilbert, Kathleen Vaughan, and James Knight.

Mr. West is now busy directing yet another racing film, entitled "The Lady Trainer," in which Violet Hopson will star.

The Mecca of Sussex.

That magnificent picture theatre, the Regent, Brighton, which we referred to in these columns a few weeks ago, is presenting a remarkable programme of pictures.

This week "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" has been screened, and all Brighton flocked to see it. On Monday next Jackie Coogan in "Oliver Twist" is the feature picture, and will be followed by the new screen version of "Monte Cristo," "The Sheik" with Rodolph Valentino, and "The Good Provider."

A Real Melodrama.

Alice Joyce.

West End cinema patrons will have an opportunity next week of seeing a splendid picturisation of the celebrated Drury Lane melodrama written by Sir Augustus Harris, Cecil Raleigh, and Henry Hamilton, entitled "The Sporting Duchess" or "The Derby Winner," featuring that versatile and popular screen artiste, Alice Joyce, and it may safely be said that this star has never done better work than in this film, which, amongst other theatres, can be seen at the Stoll Opera House.

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REPUTATION.

A Fable.

By CALLISTHENES.

A fox was one day crossing a field near a farmhouse in which some geese were feeding. The birds, seeing the fox approach, began to run toward the farmyard, and though the fox called loudly that he meant them no harm they did not stop until they were safe within the farm gate.

The fox, realising that he had lost his expected dinner, sat down outside the gate and spoke thus to the geese within.

"Why do you run from me? I meant but to play in the field with the young goslings. What harm have I done to you that you should be afraid to let me come among you? I assure you that if you open the gate you will find me better than the old watch-dog at guarding such beautiful birds as you from all harm."

To which an old gander made reply, "Ah! Mr. Fox, we should not need watching for long if we were to allow you to guard us. Your character and your work are well known to us; and fast as you ran in the field to catch us, you cannot yet run so fast as your reputation."

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Like the fox, we are all judged by our deeds and not by our words, and nowhere is this law applied more stringently than in the business world.

A business, whether it be great or small, must, like the individual, earn a character for itself before it receives the full confidence of the community in which it carries on its activities.

In a great business such as this for which I write, it is essential that the complete confidence of the public should be gained and maintained if progress is to be made.

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AMERICA AND EUROPE.

EFFECTIVE PRESENT HELP UNLIKELY.

The termination of the Paris Conference and the prospect of France putting her policy of compulsion immediately to the touch have awakened America to a new sense of the significance of European events. She has for some time been increasingly aware of the fallacies of her "isolation" and of the penalties she is suffering from her impulsive reversal of the WILSON policies. Her prosperity cannot be sustained without an active foreign trade, and there can be no profitable trade except with prosperous customers. The Western farmer, with his unsold grain, is repenting of his self-righteous withdrawal from "an effete and corrupt Old World."

America has been all along ready to help with advice, but she is now more ready to face the fact that in order to change a situation from which she is herself suffering she will have to accept a great Power's natural responsibilities. Her suggestion of an expert body to decide upon the whole question of Reparations was ineffective, partly because she insisted on affirming the peculiar sacredness of her own creditor claims and partly because France, who has over-spent and under-taxed herself, is actuated in the main by an immediate desire for ready money.

If America desired to avert the consequences of French foreclosure in Germany, there is probably only one way in which she could do it: that is by a loan either to France directly or to Germany for the purpose of settling part of the Reparations account. It is unlikely, however, that such a decision can be come to in time to arrest the French programme.

The prospect is that France will proceed on her chosen path until she tires of its troubles and fruitlessness. We must hope that stage will arrive before she has too irretrievably injured both her own interests and those of her friends.

A RIGHT DECISION

The Home Secretary has refused to endorse the doctrine that killing is no murder when it is done by a woman or by a young man under feminine instigation. Neither has he been moved, apparently, by what one of our contemporaries describes as the "pathological" view of the Ilford criminals, which is that "instead of deliberately willing the murder, the murder willed them by the sheer force of the subconscious impulse."

If we are going to philosophise in this way, it might be argued that no one ought to be punished for his deeds, but only the evil spirit which prompts them! But human experience shows that the only method of maintaining order and safety in any community is to make the individual aware of the certainty with which retribution waits upon social offences; and so long as death is the penalty assigned to murder, it would be preposterous to mitigate the sentence in a case of peculiarly treacherous depravity.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mr. Bonar Law's Return :—Mr. Wilfrid Ashley, M.P. :—Railway Economy :— Lord Derby to Entertain:—A Memory of Thrums :—The Happy Cyclist.

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Mr. Bonar Law's Return.

Mr. Bonar Law looked very well when he arrived at Victoria last evening. He seemed, too, in excellent spirits, and smilingly acknowledged the cheers of the crowd that had assembled to greet him.

The Prime Minister had nothing to add to what he said in Paris, but both he and Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame seemed anxious it should be clearly understood that the failure of the Conference had not weakened the Entente.

The Cabinet has not yet been summoned.

Mr. Wilfrid Ashley, M.P.

There has been a revival of the rumour that Mr. Wilfrid Ashley, who sits for the New Forest Division, is to be raised to the peerage, and that Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen will contest the vacancy.

Mr. Ashley became Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport when the present Government was formed, and the acceptance of a peerage would not necessarily involve his resignation of the post. The rumour is discredited by Lord Malmesbury, the chairman of the local Conservative Association, but it is quite possible when the Premier's delayed New Year's Honours List is issued Mr. Ashley's name will be included.

Lord Derby to Entertain.

Fifteen years or so ago one of the most popular of political hosts and hostesses were the Earl and Countess of Derby, and their big house in St. James's-square was often the scene of brilliant evening functions.

Then came their removal to the present house in Stratford-place, coupled with the defeat of the Conservative party at the General Election of 1906, and receptions were the exception rather than the rule.

Now, however, with the turn of the tide, and the return to office, the course of the coming Session will see one or two big receptions at Lord Derby's fine house off Oxford-street.

Mr. Macpherson.

The health of Mr. Ian Macpherson, the ex-Minister of Pensions, is far from satisfactory just now, I hear, and, while not rousing any particular anxiety, the popular M.P. is unable to do as much work as he would like. Fortunately he is at present experiencing a holiday period.

Accompanied by his wife and his two little girls, Shiela and Fionna, he is finding the air of Cannes very beneficial, and he is sure to come back restored to his usual robust health.

His father-in-law, Sir George Rhodes, is also at Cannes with his second wife, and the party expect soon to be joined by the baronet's son and heir, Colonel Rhodes, who not only represents the Stalybridge Division of Cheshire in the Unionist interest, but also takes a great deal of interest in many other matters, including the business side of motoring.

Son Unlike Father.

It is strange to find the gallant soldier so strongly inclined towards Unionism, as his father was—and probably still is an out-and-out Liberal. Like his son, most of his political experience has been gained in Cheshire.

Sir George "nursed" the Hyde Division for a considerable time, but when finally in 1895 he had an opportunity of contesting the seat, all his efforts came to naught, and he was rejected by the constituency.

Railway "Economy."

Season-ticket holders will have noted that the number of directors who sit on the board of one of the new amalgamations is twenty-one.

It would be interesting to know how many of these gentlemen are really indispensable?

There is a good deal of "economy" going on at the expense of the traveller, whose comfort is sacrificed in all directions.

Booking-offices are sparingly staffed, so that we queue for our tickets. Trains are run short, so that we stand at all hours of the day.

Let us hope that presently directorates will be run with boards of two or three.

Empire Exhibition Inquiry.

We all know that Sir William Joynson-Hicks' motto is "Hustle," but few people expected that it would be possible to complete the Empire Exhibition Inquiry (as seems likely) by the end of this month.

I can think of some old officials who must be looking with horror at Sir William's contempt for the ordinary demands of holiday times. There has been nothing like it since Sam Evans sat in the Admiralty Court on a Bank Holiday.

No doubt it would be a feather in Sir William's cap if he could make (as I think he will) a big success of this inquiry. If he can get over the difficulties of the moment, the Exhibition may still be a great success, and the Overseas Trade Department's Secretary is no more impervious to the joys of success than the rest of us.

A Memory of Thrums.

Memories of Barrie's earlier novels are stirred by the announcement of the death at Kirriemuir, of Mr. David Robb, at the age of eighty-seven.

Kirriemuir, of course, is Barrie's "Thrums," and Mr. Robb might well be a character in a Barrie book. At any rate, he was a "pillar" of the Original Secession Church, whose adherents Sir James has made familiar as the "Auld Lichts"; and Mr. Robb officiated for a long number of years in the picturesque office of "beadle," or church officer.

Dr. John Weir.

The appointment of Dr. John Weir, M.P., as Physician-in-Ordinary to the Prince of Wales, is more than usually interesting from the fact that this is the first official recognition given by Royalty to a homœopathist.

Dr. Weir, however, has been consulted by members of the Royal Family on more than one occasion. He is a native of Glasgow, and a Graduate of Glasgow University, but tiok up practice in the West End of London many years ago.

Among other appointments he holds the post of physician to the London Homœopathic Hospital.

Bonnie Prince Charlie.

All lovers of the last romantic episode in Scottish history will learn with interest that a memorial brass is about to be erected in the Roman Catholic Church at Glenfinnan, Inverness-shire, to Bonnie Prince Charlie.

The memorial is the gift of an English authoress, Miss Blanche Byrom, and is in the form of a handsome plaque with a scroll bearing the inscription: "In loving memory of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie), Glenfinnan, A.D. 1745. R.I.P."

It was at Glenfinnan that the Young Pretender unfurled his banner for the gathering of the clans at the opening of the Rebellion of 1745. In 1815 a memorial tower, with Gaelic, Latin, and English inscriptions, was erected near this historic spot.

A Happy Name.

It would be a pity if Londoners did not lay their tribute at the feet of Mr. J. A. Gardiner, who retires, after sixteen years in command of the gardening operations of the Central London parks under the Office of Works, as well as at Buckingham Palace and at Marlborough House.

I dare say few Londoners have even heard his name, but thousands of Londoners have admired year by year the skill with which he has maintained the beauties of the parks and the sense of colour which has made the flower beds on the south side of Hyde Park things of joy to the jaded townsman.

Mr. Gardiner was responsible long ago for the laying out of the Hampton Court gardens in their modern state. If he writes his reminiscences, he may tell us what he thought of that sad Mond scheme for "improvements."

Mind Your Eyes.

Life is for ever adding new terrors. One which people will do well to note, according to a well-known optician, is that owing to the very high cost of genuine tortoiseshell rims for spectacles, imitation shells are being largely used.

Many of these are composed largely of celluloid, and the danger of wearing these is great, for should heat or a light be brought near them, a flare, with sad results, is pretty certain.

The Happy "Cyclist."

The cyclist to whom I refer is not the gentleman on wheels, but the enthusiastic statistician who, after thinking things out, comes to the conclusion that they always occur in cycles, and can be expressed in curves.

My readers will no doubt remember that at the first appearance of the sun last year several learned gentlemen announced that we were in for a twelve months' drought.

They said it was a cycle, and they drew a curve or two, and then the rain came down.

Undismayed.

I saw one of these prophets wading to the station yesterday morning from his riverside residence.

Judging by his undismayed appearance I feel sure that he was thinking out another curve.

A little thing like a fact never upsets your true "cyclist."

The Disciplinarian Abroad.

I am getting tired of the way our old-fashioned disciplinarians keep girding at the upbringing of the modern child.

I meet continually children of all ages, and I see no signs of the degeneracy which these tedious people deplore.

If "discipline" is relaxed, friendship between parent and child, between master and pupil, has certainly increased.

And what is discipline?

The Better Way.

The unreasoning and unreasonable obedience which our grandfathers demanded, and, if they were cruel and their children low-spirited, sometimes obtained, had not the character-forming value some people believe.

On the contrary, it bred bullies and sneaks, liars and cowards. Its successes were bad. Its failures alone enable us to judge it leniently.

The high-spirited carried on, and it is the high-spirited who recognise today that a child is a reasonable being, and should be treated as such.

Staff Dances.

The custom of giving a dance for the staff at this season of the year is gaining ground in Clubland.

This week the Carlton and the Reform arranged such functions in their own clubhouses, and at the beginning of next month the Bath will hold its annual ball in the Portman Rooms.

Although the old-fashioned committeeman would have looked askance at any such proposal, the practice is to be commended as fostering good feeling all round, especially as the more youthful members attend the dances.

International.

There was something almost sinister in the spectacle last night of the fifteen miles international relay race on roller skates at the Holland Park Rink—those silent, swiftly moving figures, white-jerseyed Englishmen, and red, white, and blue and red. blue, and yellow-jerseyed Frenchmen and Belgians, so intent on their competition, moving with such relentless energy.

England won, but only by a lap, gained by good strategy as well as speed. Relief came when Lord Doneraile called in Mme. Beaugard, wife of the sprint champion of France, to distribute the prizes, and she kissed T. J. Wilson, leader of the three who won for England—to great applause from a large crowd.

Fashionable folk have by no means entirely given up roller skating! The Baroness d'Erlanger is giving the prizes next Wednesday at the Fancy Dress Carnival, as she and her daughter often skate there—especially at the Sunday Skating Club.

Lady Lavery is another woman who skates regularly.

The Clubman.

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MY OBJECTIONS TO GOLF.

THE SORDID HISTORY OF THREE SCOTS, THREE CROOKED STICKS, AND A BALL.

A NATION BUNKERED.

By STEPHEN LEACOCK.

I am old enough to remember very distinctly the first coming of the game of golf to the city where I live. It came in that insidious but forceful way that characterises everything Scotch. It was similar to the spread of Scottish drapers, the Scottish Church, and Scotch whisky.

The exact circumstances were these. One afternoon in April, when the wind was on the new grass, three Scotsmen went out to a hill slope near the town. They carried with them three crooked sticks and a little ball. There was firmness in their manner, but nothing obviously criminal. They laid the ball down and began to beat it about on the grass.

Stephen Leacock.

In fairness, it must be admitted that they made no parade of the matter. They did not seem to challenge observation. They paid no attention to the few mystified people who watched them. At the end of about an hour they were seen to sit down under a briar bush. There they remained for some time; it was thought at the time that they were either praying or drinking whisky. Opinion was divided. But the real truth was that they had formed themselves into a golf club.

Twice One Are Two.

This, I say, was on a Saturday. Had the city been well advised these men could have been arrested on the following Monday. A judicious application of the vagrancy laws or a rather free interpretation of the Sedition Acts might have forestalled at the outset a grave national peril.

But nothing was done. Indeed, at the moment, little was thought of the matter, or, at any rate, little was manifested in the shape of public indignation or public protest. Even when six Scotsmen appeared on the ground the following Saturday, and twelve the week after, and twenty-four on the last Saturday in the month, few people, if any, realised the magnitude of what was happening.

Plus Two.

The news that a golf club had been formed in our city was presently printed, quite openly, in the newspapers as if it were an ordinary event.

One must admit even that a very lively curiosity, mixed with something approaching to envy, began to surround the afternoon gatherings of the Scotsmen. There is something in the sweep of the wind over the April grass, something in the open space and the blue sky that conveys an insidious appeal to the lower side of a man's nature. It is difficult to sit indoors at one's desk and to know that other men are striding over the turf.

Plus Three.

Moreover, the ingenious expedient of carrying out a ball and beating it round with sticks supplied a colour of activity and purpose that acted as a drug upon the conscience. Had it not been for this use of the sticks and the ball, the players would have appeared as mere loafers. But the evident earnestness with which they followed their avocation robbed it of every appearance of idleness; and the public was entirely deceived as to its character.

In short, it was not long before the game began to exercise an evident effect upon those who at first had been idle spectators. They became anxious to join in. Here and there, by a very obvious and cunning piece of policy, they were invited to try their hand. The spectator then found to his surprise the peculiar difficulty of the game.

Plus Fours!

He discovered that, simple though it looked, it was not possible for him to place the ball on the ground, take a drink of Scotch whisky, and then hit it with the stick. He tried again and again, but failed each time. The natural result was that he solicited membership in the club, and reappeared on the following Saturday with a ball and stick of his own and with a flask of whisky on his hip. The Saturday after that he turned up in a pair of knickerbocker trousers, a round tam o' shanter hat, and a Cluny Macpherson tartan over his shoulders; after that, as far as any general utility to the community went, the man was lost.

A Drop of Scotch.

I remember well, some eighteen months after the club started, realising how far already the movement had gone when I heard the head of our greatest bank accost the chairman of a railway company with the words, "Hoot, mon! it's a braw morning the day!" Up till that time language of the sort would have come under the criminal code.

I have since learned that this same kind of thing was going on all over the country just as it was in my own city. Men were appearing in the business streets in the Cluny Macpherson tartan. Some even had tall feathers stuck sideways in their tam o'shanters. At more than one public dinner the music of the bagpipes was not only tolerated, but even applauded. On every Saturday, and presently even on weekdays, men were seen lifting long bags filled with crooked sticks on to the tramcars.

A Wee Drop More.

In those days the public at large was still innocent and ignorant. We had not even heard the word "propaganda." Otherwise we should have seen under all this a dangerous organised movement for the sale of the poetry of Robert Burns.

The original club of which I speak soon took further steps. They erected a kind of wooden structure on the ground where they played. It was a modest affair—merely two large rooms, one a sitting-room, with easy chairs, for talking about golf in, and the other a rest, or silence room, for thinking about golf in. The ground on which they played was supposedly public property. They had no shadow of right to build upon it. But any attempt at ejectment was rendered out of the question by the fact that they had enrolled among their membership all the leaders of the Bar and all the senior judges.

—Ad Lib.

This last point, indeed, went strongly in their favour throughout. Even when they had left the modest building of which I speak and were spreading over the landscape, it was plain that the game of golf had insinuated itself most daringly into the structure of our legal institutions.

A decision of the courts decided that the game of golf may be played on Sunday, not being a game within the view of the law, but being a form of moral effort. Another decision laid down the principle that a golf club need never close the bar, not being a bar within the legal meaning of the term, but a place of rest, insomuch as the drinks sold are not drinks as known to the statute, but a form of recuperation. In the same way, the pay given to a boy attendant, or caddy, is not pay, but a reward, and exempts him from the Cruelty to Children Act.

Tax Dodging.

The excess profits tax, the licence tax, and the property tax do not apply, it is held, to the premises of a golf club, as it is a religious institution; and both the Privy Council and the High Court are said to be preparing decisions to the effect that consuming whisky in or near a golf club does not constitute a breach of the law provided that it is taken only when needed and in the proportion or quantity needed, and that it is not made the subject of treating.

But I anticipate; these decisions belong, of course, to later days. I was saying that in my own town, and no doubt everywhere else, the golf club idea once started and established soon spread.

Land Seized.

The original ground was abandoned. A vast stretch of beautiful land that might easily have supported hundreds and hundreds of hogs was laid out into a golf course. It was whispered that the ground was not purchased, but seized; this is no doubt untrue, but it is an undeniable fact that this beautiful hog pasture was presently laid out into flat lawns and greens. In reality, nothing more is needed for the driving of a golf ball except a straight piece of air two hundred yards long. But it is a nice pretence of the game that a whole landscape must be seized and occupied to the exclusion of agriculture, manufacture, and all other uses.

A "Round" of Drinks.

In the case of which I speak, the vast purposelessness of the affair was concealed by the cunning device of setting out tomato cans and red flags at irregular intervals. By walking among these the players are made to appear as if pursuing some known object. The position of the flags is so contrived that each player is led in a circular course and returns at intervals to the club house, where he may take a drink and start again. Each set of drinks is called a "round." Of course, an expert player can make a round far more rapidly than a beginner.

Train Bunkers.

One large club, I say, was established. Yet even after it was definitely in operation very few people realised the way in which it was disturbing our civic life. It was noticed, indeed, that the schedule of trains of our greatest railway had undergone marked change. A great number of suburban trains were introduced, and a sharp discrimination made against long distance and other needless traffic. A branch line was built in a convenient situation from a natural obstacle or bunker for the golf course. But few people connected these changes with the fact that the manager of the railway and the entire directorate were members of the golf club.

Back to Arithmetic.

A new stage of development presently appeared. There is a certain kind of animal, so biology teaches us, which increases its numbers by simply dividing itself in two. The original animal is called, I think, an amœba. But the real type of the species is the golf club. If you put one of them out in the landscape and leave it there for a year or so you presently come back and find two; and if the two are left unmolested for a short period, they presently turn into four.

Where the landscape is especially favourable, where Nature has spread out her fertile hand all ready to make bunkers and her pure streams all ready to mix Scotch whisky, the two clubs will even turn into six.

Multiplication.

Such has been the case in our city, and, I imagine, in every other. There are now twelve golf clubs in the vicinity, with ten others being organised. The area now covered occupies, it is said, 12,000 acres. One passes in the train from the crowded confines of the city to the wide expanse of the golf clubs. Everywhere there are little greens and tins cans and red flags and club members in knickerbockers. Each year the city is more and more crowded. Each year the golf area is bigger and bigger.

Their Vocabulary.

Nor is there any public protest. Each year more and more men, hitherto respectable God-fearing citizens, are being caught in the lure of it. It is difficult to say just what the fascination is. But it is there. Sometimes I think that it lies in pretending to be a Scotsman. It may be that; there are so many things about the Scots that attract—their contempt of rain, their peculiar nerve in wearing a hen's feather in their hat, their comprehensive ideas on damnation—that it may well be the golf members are simply trying to be Scotsmen.

The Culprits.

In addition to that, I blame Sir Harry Lauder a good deal, and undoubtedly Robert Burns has a lot to answer for. But, taking it as you will, the golf club has become a grave national menace.

In my own city we are, I suppose, beyond redemption. We have golf tournaments, golf teas and golf dinners, golf trains and trams, and golf motors. The use of the bagpipes is everywhere tolerated, and we eat haggis on St. Andrew's Day. But if there are any cities in which this insidious movement is still in its infancy, I can only exhort them to suppress it while yet there is time.

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(Continued from preceding column.)

MRS. G. GRAVES' DIVORCE SUIT.

TWO STAGE PETITIONS IN COMING TERM.

OTHER NOTED CASES.

VISCOUNT TORRINGTON AS CO-RESPONDENT.

There are several interesting divorce cases down for hearing during the next sitting of the Law Courts, according to the official list just published.

In the undefended cases Mr. George Graves, the actor, and Mr. Will Evans, the music-hall artist, are respondents to suits brought by their respective wives.

The case of Lady Chichester's petition against her husband, Sir E. G. Chichester, also is not defended.

Among the defended actions is the petition by the Hon. M. I. Williams, and also the case of Ferens v. Ferens and Viscount Torrington.

FLOUR PRICE DOWN AGAIN.

The official price of standard grade straight-run flour was reduced by 6d. to 41s. 6d. for the London area from midnight

TO-DAY'S TONIC TALK.

WE DISLIKE WHAT SHAMES US.

By Dr. FRANK CRANE.

Why do we dislike those who are better than we? Why do drunkards sneer at teetotallers? Why do the vicious hate the virtuous and the weak glower at the strong? Why do all of us feel a twinge of resentment against anyone who is more capable, rich, or famous than ourselves?

This type of hostility is a curious thing. It is the kind of feeling the politicians of Athens had towards Socrates and the Pharisees of Jerusalem had toward Jesus.

I think I have "isolated" the microbe, as the medical gentlemen say. The secret of it is that those who do better than we make us ashamed. And we dislike whatever shames us.

This is a very prevalent and powerful feeling. It is subtle and covert, but it operates strongly.

Dr. FRANK CRANE.

Haven't you seen the dissolute, worthless husband who has grown to detest his wife for no reason except that she is good and patient, and always does as nearly as she can what she believes to be right? His maudlin accusation is that "she doesn't understand" him. He neglects, and finally detests, her. He delights in doing what he knows will hurt her.

Why?

Because her presence is to him a constant rebuke. She shames him. And all his nasty egotism and pride rise up to resent it.

Is not this the solution of the all too common tragedy of parent and child? The parent agonises to gain the child's confidence and co-operation. An insuperable spiritual barrier seems to be between them. The child turns to any chance companion rather than to the parent. Why?

Because before the parent he is ashamed. And the weaker and more wayward you are the more pride and sensitiveness develop in you.

This is that strange centrifugal force of evil, that something in a wrong soul that impels it to flee from right souls.

The cry of the perverted is, "Let us alone!"

This is why the wastrel seeks the wastrel for his boon companion, why birds of evil flock together, why there is something in us all, God pity us! that makes us fly from those who would do us good, and seek out those who work us woe.

It is even why we choose for company those who are more ignorant and altogether lower in morals and attainments than ourselves. It is the same reason the ostler is embarrassed in the drawing-room and the farmhand in the University hall.

We hate what shames us.

Happy, thrice fortunate the man who seeks out those who shame him and corrects himself thereby!

DR. CRANE'S NEXT "TALK" WILL APPEAR ON MONDAY.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

WEATHER FORECAST.

In the rear of the trough of low pressure, the weather over the British Isles will be mainly fair and bright for a time, with North-West winds, frost, accompanied in some places by fog, occurring generally to-night, the wind backing to South-West later, with milder and less settled weather.

Gold Ship With £78,423.

Specie to the value of £78,423 arrived at Plymouth to-day from West Africa.

Cycled 40,000 Miles in Eight Years.

Mr. J. Saunders, of Hounslow, who is over 80 years of age, has cycled 40,000 miles in eight years. He did not learn to ride until he was 69.

Prayers Before Business.

Swansea Board of Guardians have adopted the practice of commencing their meetings with prayer.

Military Service in Italy.

The Italian Cabinet has approved a scheme fixing the period of military service at eighteen months, says Reuter.

Organist at Twelve.

Master Charles Wheeler, of Bramley, twelve years of age, has been appointed organist at Grafham Church, Huntingdon.

A New Recorder.

Mr. St. John Gore Micklewait has been appointed Recorder of Reading in place of the late Mr. Arthur H. Spokes.

Veterans at Dinner.

At a New Year's dinner to ninety-five veterans of Wycombe, the oldest guest was 90; 23 were over 80, 67 over 70, 12 over 65; a total of 7,121 years—an average age of 75 years.

Lifeboatman's 32 Years' Service.

Having retired after 32 years' service with the Boulmer (Northumberland) lifeboat, the coxswain, William Stephenson, has been awarded the institution's long-service certificate.

"A Pigsty of Paradise."

"They would make a pigsty of Paradise," declared Alderman Phillips, of some Gateshead Corporation tenants who are alleged to have turned the new houses into a filthy condition.

Drunken Wives.

"A drunken wife is much worse than a drunken husband. Both are bad, but many a home is ruined by the abuse of drink by the woman of the house," said the Battersea coroner yesterday.

Dog Rescued from Cliff.

A retriever dog, which had fallen down the cliffs at Folkestone Warren yesterday, was rescued by First-Engineer Woods, of the Folkestone Fire Brigade, who was lowered over the cliff by a rope for a distance of over 200ft.

NEW WEST-END PLAY.

To the Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette.

Sir,—It was brought to my notice that you had published a statement in your issue yesterday that the next play at Wyndham's Theatre was by Miss Tree and myself. I understand from Miss Tree that she had given you no information on the subject, and I most certainly hadn't, so I should be obliged if you would publish an apology to Mr. Hubert Parsons, the author, who has every reason to be much annoyed.

Gerald du Maurier.

Wyndham's Theatre, London,
Jan. 6, 1923.

LIFE OF PADEREWSKI THREATENED.

HEAVILY GUARDED BY POLICE DURING CONCERT

OHIO INCIDENT.

CLEVELAND (OHIO), Friday.

Paderewski, who gave a concert here to-night, was heavily guarded by the police in consequence of threats he had received that he would be killed if he appeared at the concert.

The police refuse to reveal details of the threats.—Central News.

HEART OR BRAIN?

A CRITIC OF DR. CRANE.

To the Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette.

Sir,—I read with immense pleasure all Dr. Crane's articles. The good which such teaching does is incalculable, and is doubtless the means of getting a considerable amount of philosophic thought and reason into the minds of many persons who usually do not trouble themselves much regarding the problems of mental philosophy and mind culture.

You greatly deserve commendation for having introduced such helpful, advanced thought to newspaper readers. Dr. Crane's article, however, under the heading of "Heart," is inexact and misleading.

Surely the learned writer, who has so charmed and edified us, does not mean all he says relative to the qualities of the Heart. He speaks of Hearts being wiser, bolder, etc.; but the heart is a purely physical organ, the function of which is to change the chemical constituents of the venal and arterial blood, and regulate the circulatory system, and possesses no mental function whatever.

I know it is customary for preachers, novelists, and many other intelligent persons to speak of emotional feelings embracing love, affection, sympathy, goodness, etc., as traits of character coming straight from the heart, but to do so is decidedly unscientific.

All emotional qualities are mental in origin, and have their seat in the brain, and not in the heart, and any person attributing these qualities to the function of the heart betrays his ignorance of the mental and physical qualities of body and mind. No phrenologist would make such a mistake.

J. Millott Severn.

The Brighton Phrenological and Mental Science Institution, 68, West-street, Brighton.

The Cunard liner Berengaria, from New York, via Cherbourg and Southampton, is due to arrive at the Hampshire port on Wednesday. She has a large number of passengers on board, including Colonel J. L. O'Connor, Mrs. Rodman Wanamaker, Dr. Leopold Stokowski, director of the Philadelphia orchestra, and Mr. Philip G. Peabody, who is making his eighty-first crossing of the Atlantic.

"IF I WERE KING."

HOW SOME SCHOOLBOYS WOULD ACT.

AMUSING IDEAS.

JOYS OF SITTING ON A THRONE.

"Write an account of how you would spend your day if you were King and Queen" was the subject of the English paper set by the Chief Examiner of the L.C.C. for the award of Junior County scholarships.

It is reported that many candidates failed to rise to the level required. Instances given certainly support this judgment.

Candidates too often made the mistake of assuming that the position of being King would mean unlimited money and motor-cars, etc., and so merely gave an account of such places as they would like to go and see, and many of them gave such a list as would take months or years to accomplish.

"Give Them the Sack."

One or two illustrations are given in the report to illustrate this:—

> I should give all the miners the sack for not working, and would hang the Kaiser.
>
> I would sit on the throne, and shout at the servants if they were not doing their work, and would give them the sack! (Sitting on the throne seemed to be the height of bliss to many, especially girls.)
>
> I should have my children taught to be obedient and tidy and respectful, and also arithmetic and other subjects.

The boys' ideal was often a day of sport—shooting squirrels and foxes, attending race meetings and betting, shaking hands with footballers, etc.—while both sexes were very keen on meals, at a restaurant, e.g.:—

"I should have boiled cod for tea." Very often the description of the day was a long list of things to eat.

Plenty to Eat.

Less imagination was shown in mentioning a Queen's relaxations. The general idea seemed to be frequent attendance at balls and banquets; the personal comfort afforded by a multitude of servants, "the softest of feather beds," "unlimited scented soap," and a superfluity of ices and jellies!

Madam Two Swords.

The pleasures described were chiefly pleasures with which they were fully acquainted—e.g., riding round London on a 'bus; visiting all the museums, or fairs, or "Madam Two Swords Waxworks"; consuming innumerable and ill-assorted meals (one boy's idea of bliss was "Roast chicken, ginger pop, and plum cake for breakfast"), and even spending a day at hop-picking.

Quite a number of the children disliked the idea of assuming the position of King or Queen; or, as one boy put it: "After the day at Buckingham Palace I should probably be very glad to return to Johnson-street."

Historical Surprises.

Among a fine selection of "howlers" in the general papers may be cited:—

> The Great Fire of London was caused by a lighted cigarette falling in a tin of petrol in a garage.
>
> The Battle of Trafalgar Square was fought in London against the Spaniards. One of those who fell in the battle was Nelson.
>
> The Prince of Wales was described as "The Prince of Whales."
>
> The present-day King was only a little street-runner. Then his uncle offered to bring him up, and now he has gained this high position.

How London Was Spoilt.

> London was spoilt by the Great Fire. It is much worse now than it used to be.
>
> Chaucer was born in London. He translated the Bible. He was put in gaol, and after doing nothing for some time, came to the conclusion he might as well write another book, and then wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress"

ARCHBISHOP SUMMONED

SOVIET ACTION AGAINST CATHOLIC CLERGY.

WARSAW, Saturday.

A message received here from Petrograd states that Archbishop Cieplatt and several Catholic priests have been summoned before the Revolutionary Tribunal on the charge of disobeying the Soviet authorities.

In case of conviction, the message adds, they are liable to severe penalties, and may even be sentenced to death.—Reuter.

NO SUNDAY GAMES.

Melbourne City Council had decided to open the parks on Sundays for cricket and tennis. The State Government intervened and vetoed the scheme, says the "Times."

The Midi and Orleans Railways advise that from January 1, and until further notice, the through service 1st and 2nd class, Boulogne-Biarritz, is extended to Irun (Spanish frontier). This service runs in connection with the train leaving London (Victoria) at 9.15 a.m., arriving at Irun at 8.04 the following morning, and, for the return journey, with the train arriving at London (Victoria) at 22.40.

BUSINESS MEN AND GERMANY.

IMPERATIVE NEED OF MORATORIUM.

DANGERS OF DRIFTING

The Executive Council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce has unanimously adopted the following report of a special committee appointed to consider the question of reparations:—

"The Association of British Chambers of Commerce feels that the present drifting of the reparations question is highly injurious to the industry and commerce of the country, and is delaying the improvement of our export trade and the fuller employment of our people.

"It is considered that:—

(a) A moratorium for Germany for an agreed number of years is imperative.

(b) A reparation sum must be immediately fixed which Germany can pay within a reasonable number of years without detriment to the Allies' trade.

(c) If pressure has to be brought to bear on Germany to enforce reparations, the form of such pressure must be agreed between the Allies, and put into operation to end the present uncertainty.

(d) The rate of interest, if any, on the sum fixed must be agreed.

International Loan.

(e) That some form of international loan to Germany is immediately necessary, and some security for interest and amortisation must be arranged to make the loan feasible. Duties payable in gold could be imposed on imports and exports, the proceeds beingg applied to secure the principal and interests on the loan. To secure this, the Allies should arrange for international control of the German maritime and other Customs. The Association is not in favour of the British Government making itself responsible for the service of this loan.

The Occupation.

(f) That the earliest possible withdrawal of military occupation consistent with safety should be carried out.

The report is signed by A. S. Benn (president), Arthur Balfour (deputy president), Albert J. Hobson (ex-president), Felix Schuster, F. C. Gardiner, Walter Leaf, W. Clare Lees, A. M. Samuel, and G. C. Vyle.

WEEK-END BROADCASTING

PROGRAMMES FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.

The British broadcasting programmes for the week-end are as follows:—

TO-NIGHT

5 to 5.45.—Children's Stories, etc.

6.30 to 7.—Orchestra—March, "The London Scottish" (Haines); Overture, "Plymouth Hoe" (Ansell); Waltz, "The Lady of the Rose" (Gilbert).

7.—News.

7.30 to 8.25.—Orchestra—Selection, "Il Trovatore" (Verdi); Morceau, "Rêverie Interrompue" (Tchaikovsky); Descriptive Item, "A Day in Naples" (Byng); Mr. Maurice Turner (tenor), "Ah, Moon of my delight" (Liza Lehmann); "If Winter Comes" (H. M. Tennent); Orchestra—Intermezzo, "Yellow Jasmine" (Percy Elliott); Mr. Fred Gibson (entertainer), "If I get hold of Cupid."

8.25 to 8.55.—Orchestra (Dance Music).

9 to 9.15.—Miss Lily Bradford (soprano), "The Pipes of Pan" (Monckton); "One morning very early" (Sanderson). Mr. Maurice Turner, "Luna d'Estata" (Tosti); "O Mistress Mine" (Quilter); "From the Land of the Sky-Blue Water" (Cadman).

9.30.—News.

9.50 to 10.30. — Orchestra—Selection, "Tannhäuser" (Wagner). Miss Lily Bradford, "Villanelle" (Dell' Acqua); "Love's Return" (L. Bradford). Orchestra—Serenata (Toselli). Mr. Fred Gibson (entertainer). Orchestra—Finale, "Fireflies" (Eckersley).

Birmingham Station (425 metres).—6.30 to 9.45: Children's Stories. News. Concert.

Manchester Station (355 metres).—6 to 10: Children's Stories News. Concert.

TO-MORROW.

5 to 5.45.—Children's Stories.

7.15 to 8.45.—Orchestra—Overture, "Don Giovanni" (Mozart); Intermezzo from "Sister Angelica" (Puccini); Miniature Suite (Coates). Mr. Frank Thorne (baritone), "Lord God of Abraham" (Mendelssohn); "God is our Refuge" (Liddle). Orchestra, "Unfinished" Symphony (Schubert). Mr. Edward Robinson (solo 'cello). Orchestra—Selection, "Lohengrin" (Wagner).

9. to 9.15.—Miss Ethel Fenton (contralto), "Abide with me" (Liddle); "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn). Miss Cecil Dixon (pianoforte solos). Mr. Frank Thorne, "Content" (Needham); "Youth" (Allitsen).

9.30.—News.

9.50 to 10.30.—Orchestra—Selection of W. H. Squire's Songs (arr. Baynes). Miss Ethel Fenton (contralto). Orchestra—Entr'acte, "Pas des Fleurs" (Délibes); "Marche Romaine" (Gounod).

Newcastle Broadcasting Station (400 metres).—6.30 to 8: Children's Stories. News. Concert.

MISS VANBRUGH'S CHARITY CONCERT.

Miss Irene Vanbrugh is giving an "all star" concert at the Palladium on Sunday afternoon, January 14, in aid of the Theatrical Ladies' Guild.

Funds are badly needed for this well-organised charity, of which Miss Vanbrugh is president.

A fine programme has been arranged, and the list of artists who are giving their services is a long and strong one.

Air communication with Belgium has been resumed this week, with the opening of a regular line to Ostend.

SPREAD OF THE RENT STRIKE.

LANDLORDS APPEAL TO PREMIER.

NEW NOTICES.

"A MORATORIUM OR LEGISLATION."

The landlords whose tenants are refusing to pay rent because no notice to quit was given with an increase in rent are beginning to take action.

The "Pall Mall" is informed that Mr. Goldrig, the secretary of the Property Owners' Protection Association, has to-day sent to the Prime Minister an appeal either for immediate legislation or at least for a moratorium.

More to Come?

"The strike is spreading," said Mr. Goldrig to the "Pall Mall" to-day, "and ruin threatens many landlords unless something is at once done. The example of Paddington and Walthamstow will be followed.

"We wrote to the Prime Minister last November, and received from him a very sympathetic reply. Moreover, we circularised the members of Parliament, who also expressed their approval.

New Notices.

"Some of the owners are now serving notices to quit, but such notices are no use unless accompanied by a notice of an increase in rent.

"We are pressing for legislation that will be retrospective, and so enable landlords to claim their arrears. But we are afraid that they will not recover 50 per cent. of them."

"KING OF THE COSTERS."

BOY WHO RAN AWAY TO EAST TO HELP FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

An interesting figure has been lost to London by the death, at the age of eighty-four, of Mr. W. J. Orsman, J.P., who earned for himself by his good work in connection with the Costers' Mission in Hoxton and in the district generally the affectionate titles of "King of the Costers" and "Archbishop of Hoxton."

To him belongs much of the credit of starting donkey shows, and one of his proudest possessions was a big gold scarf-pin, with the model of a donkey on it, given him by the costermen of London

During the Crimean War Mr. Orsman, then only a boy of sixteen, was so impressed by the sufferings of our troops, that he ran away from home, and took the first outward bound vessel to the East.

Here he volunteered for service in the hospitals, and so came into close relationship with Miss Florence Nightingale.

SMYRNA EXECUTIONS.

BROTHER OF A GREEK BISHOP, AND OTHERS.

ATHENS, Saturday.

It is reported from Smyrna that, as a result of arrest and trial by a Kemalist court-martial, the brother of the late Bishop of Smyrna, together with two other Greeks accused of having been concerned in the destruction of two Turkish villages, were hanged at Nympheon.

At Afion Karahissar nine Turks accused of having co-operated with the Greek forces during the occupation, were hanged with a number of Greeks who had been condemned.—Exchange.

A PLOT DEFEATED.

DUTCH POLICE STOP NIGHT DEMONSTRATORS.

AMSTERDAM, Saturday.

A secretly organised night demonstration by Amsterdam unemployed was defeated by strong precautionary police measures.

The purpose was to patrol the streets during the night, frightening sleeping citizens. The police, however, dispersed the demonstrators, and order was restored about two o'clock this morning.—Exchange.

CREMATION ORDER REVOKED.

Sir Willoughby Robert Dottin Maycock, K.C.M.G., of 80, St. George's-square, S.W., formerly Superintendent of the Treaty Department of the Foreign Office, and a well-known figure in sporting and dramatic circles, who died November 22 last, aged seventy-three years, left unsettled property of the gross value of £4,869 15s. 10d., with net personalty £4,763 3s. 8d.

He revoked an earlier request for cremation, and directed that his remains should be buried beside those of his late wife at Kensal Green.

Lord Horne will unveil a window in Southwark Cathedral on Thursday next at 2.30 p.m., which has been set up in memory of members of the staff of Oxo, Ltd., who fell in the war.

THE NEXT SESSIONS.

MRS. TURNER AT OLD BAILEY ON WEDNESDAY.

The January Sessions of the Central Criminal Court begin on Wednesday next. The number of cases for trial and sentence are up to the average.

The charges include:—

One of murder,
Two of attempted murder,
One of perjury,
One of stealing and receiving motor-cars, and
One of attempting to hold-up a post-office.

The charge of perjury is against Victoria May Broadbridge, who, in the name of Mrs. Turner, gave evidence in the FitzRoy case.

PARLIAMENT AND CABARETS.

L.C.C. ANOMALIES TO BE QUESTIONED.

Owing to the action of the L.C.C. in reintroducing the restrictions placed upon the performance of the "Midnight Follies" at the Hotel Metropole, an impression has been created that the entertainment has closed down.

This is far from being the case. George Grossmith and Andre Charlot have devised and produced a new type of show, which keeps within the restrictions, and yet provides an interesting evening.

The licensing anomalies of the L.C.C. with regard to cabaret shows and intoxicating liquor have now become so acute that the whole question is to be raised when Parliament reassembles.

BURGLARS' DUMMY SAFE.

A safe containing £100 has been removed from Langley Castle Hotel, North Shields, and in its place was substituted a cardboard imitation of the original.

To-morrow's Preachers.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—10, 30, Rev. R. C. Vere Hodge; Te Deum and Benedictus, Alcock in B flat; anthem, "O Thou, the true and only Light" (Mendelssohn), Holy Communion, Ireland in C; 3.15, Prebendary Isaacs; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Smart in B flat; anthem, "Light of the World" (Elgar); 7, Rev. S. R. G. Murray.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15, Dr. W. R. Matthews; Te Deum and Benedictus, Harwood in A flat; anthem, "All they from Saba" (Handel); 3, Archdeacon Charles Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Walmisley in B flat; anthem, "Lo, star-led chiefs" (Crotch); 6.30, Rev. A. S. Duncan Jones; anthem, "Arise, shine" (Elvey).

Southwark Cathedral.—11, Rev. W. J. Margetson; Holy Communion, Lloyd in E flat, Motet, "Ave Verum" (Elgar); 6.30, Bishop of Southwark; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Lloyd in E flat; anthem, "From the rising of the sun" (Ouseley).

Chapel Royal, St. James's.—11.15, Dr. Wood.

Chapel Royal, Savoy.—11.15 and 6, Rev. R. Wood-Samuel.

Temple Church.—11, the Master; Te Deum, Garrett in F, Jubilate, Davies in D flat; anthem, "O grant us, mighty Lord" (Bach); 3, Rev. R. F. Rynd; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Kelway in B minor; anthem, "Here is the little door" (Howells).

Lincoln's Inn Chapel.—Closed.

Gray's Inn Chapel.—11.30, Dr. H. M. Relton; Kyrie, Williams in F; anthem, "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem" (Stainer).

St. Margaret's, Westminster.—11 and 7, Canon Carnegie.

All Saint's, Margaret Street.—11.15, High Mass; 6, Rev. Prebendary H. F. R. Mackay.

St. Marylebone Parish Church.—11, Rev. H. Haworth Coryton (Mission to Seamen); 7, Rev. Dr. Morrison.

Holy Trinity, St. Marylebone.—11 and 3.15 (Children's Service), Canon Thornton Duesbery; 6.30, Rev. R. A. Wright; 7, 8 and noon, Holy Communion.

St. Peter's, Bayswater.—11 and 6.20, Rev. Dr. J. H. Swinstead.

St. Paul's Church, Portman-square, W.1.—11 and 7. Dr. Stuart Holden. Morning subject: "The Unkown Path and the All-knowing Lord." Evening subject: "The Great Alternative."

St. Thomas, Regent Street.—11 and 6.30, Rev. Clarence May.

St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.—8 and 9.30, Holy Communion; 11.15 and 7, The Rector.

"Doll Sunday" is Prebendary Carlile's topic (evening). Monument Cinema Church, with Ladies' Brass Band.

St. Agatha's, Finsbury Avenue, E.C.—11, Rev. Everard Digby; 6.30, Rev. H. S. Finnie.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

St. Columba's Church of Scotland), Pont-street, S.W.—11, Rev. Archibald Fleming, D.D.; 6.30, Rev. T. C. Sherriff.

NONCONFORMIST.

Kingsway Hall (West London Mission).—11 and 7, Rev. F. L. Wiseman, B.A.; 3.30, Kingsway Fellowship (for men and women), speaker Rev. F.L. Wiseman, B.A.; 6.30, Musical Service, vocal and organ solos by Miss Ethel Bilsland and Mr. Frank Idle, F.R.A.M.

Central Hall, Westminster.—Sunday, January 7, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Dinsdale T. Young. At the Grand Organ: Mr. Arthur Meale. 3.30 p.m., meeting for men and women. Speaker: Rev. Fred Barrett. Subject: "The Happy Warrior." Soloist: Miss Vera Siddons. Chairman: Rev. G. R. H. Shafto. At the Organ: Mr. Spencer Shaw, A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church, Upper George Street, W. 1.—11 and 7, Rev. R. C. Gillie, M.A., D.C.L.

Eglise Réformée Evangélique Française, Monmouth-road, Westbourne Grove, Bayswater, W.— 11 and 6.30, M. le Pasteur Th. Lelièvre, B.D.

Mr. J. J. Virgo, C.B.E., will speak at Men's Rally, Y.M.C.A., Tottenham Court-road, at 3.30.

THE ESTATE MARKET.

The mountain of properties put on the market last year make 1922 all conspicuous in the annals of the estate market.

The explanation has been given in varied terms, but this does not so much matter. A large proportion found buyers, who forced up prices somewhat by competition.

Of the historical associations of some of them agents profess small concern. "Theirs is not to reason why," their object—the sale—and a large success it must be confessed has attended their efforts.

But what a store house of information their offices are. Deeds tell a tale as well as county records, and perhaps a true one.

This prodigious procession of property moving across the auction world does not appear to surfeit the sight, as after the short interval of rest a renewal of the movement is imminent.

The announcement of "bargains" or "reduced price," or "open to an offer," are not reassuring terms as far as the tone of the market is concerned, but they help to swell the volume of business, which, after all, is the main question.

The Crown lease of the block of offices comprised in Nos. 25, 26, 27, Charles-street, St. James's-square, is in the market, the sale by auction being fixed to take place on March 6 by Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley, at 20, Hanover-square; plenty of time for private negotiation.

Meux Brewery site will be offered at the same time

An earlier sale of the firm—on the 10th inst.—is Colonel A. R. B. Warrand's estate of Bught, close to Inverness. The history of the property goes back to the twelfth century. Successive owners had their share of strife, while Prince Charles lent a little romance to the place, a wealth of story in a couple of hundred acres.

Messrs. Fox and Sons, Bournemouth, have conducted many sales during the last week or so, which aggregate £30,000. Among the houses disposed of may be mentioned The White Lodge, Namouna, Clifton Lodge, Upwood, a two acre estate at Branksome Park, some shops and building sites.

Messrs. Newbon and Shephard (High Holborn, and Upper-street, N.) give their experience and their conclusions as follows:—

"The year 1922 has shown a marked improvement on the previous year, and investments generally of the 'brick and mortar' description have been readily disposed of at better prices, and this applies especially to the latter half of the year, when investors were eager to buy.

"The demand for freehold and leasehold ground rents has been very keen, and investments of this character have been readily disposed of at market prices, and in some instances exceptional amounts have been obtained.

"The satisfactory condition of the property market at the conclusion of 1922, notwithstanding the uncertainty with regard to the Rent Restriction Act and possible further legislation, encourages us to look forward to 1923 with every confidence of a further increase of business and appreciation of values."

"'Laudator temporis acti'—always ready in every relation of life, to think better of the days that are gone than of those present—might be puzzled to point to a period wherein, taking everything into account, the market for real estate has been healthier than in the closing year." This observation is made by Messrs. Harrod's in their review of 1922.

"In passing, it may be remarked that 'the boom,' as it was called, proved of very short duration. It affected mainly the realisation of agricultural land, and not less than 20,000 farmers became, in the course of a couple of years, their own landlords, in name at any rate. If the circumstances, such as buying with borrowed money and so forth, be taken into account, it must be admitted that perhaps the majority of those new 'owners' are still far from the possession of the unfettered fee simple of their holdings.

"To Messrs. Harrods (in common with other firms of estate agents) has come the task of solving a problem which presents itself in nearly every part of the kingdom, namely, that of finding buyers for the mansions which, with usually a few hundred acres of parkland, were left unsold after the disposal of the agricultural portion.

"It is the medium-sized property that is most in favour at the moment, modern houses with a few acres being in great request. The older country houses, however, also find a ready market, especially where the price has been adjusted to meet the contingency of repairs and modernisation.

"The aggregate realisations effected by us have reached a total of not far short of one million pounds sterling, not taking into account the capitalised values of property let or those where a heavy premium has been paid."

Mr. John Ramsay Drake, J.P., recently High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, has decided to sell Batchwood Hall, St. Albans, it being too large for his requirements. It is a delightful red-brick residence, built in the Queen Anne style of architecture, surrounded by a beautiful undulating park of some 130 acres. Formerly it was the property of Viscount Grimthorpe. Mr. Drake has appointed Messrs. Harrods, Ltd., his sole agents.

The business at the Mart has opened well, the auctions held there this week resulting in sales.

The sale of Nos. 17, 19, and 66, Cadogan-square has been effected by Messrs. Trollope.

FOR SALE.

GOLDERS GREEN.—Ideal Homes from £1,100. Garages. Payment by instalments if desired.—Waterman Bros., Princes Park Avenue, N.W. 11.

PERSONAL.

WRIGHT'S Detective Agency for Inquiries and Watchings, 63, Moorgate-st., E.C., and 145, Oxford-street, W. Tel.: Wall [illegible].

MISCELLANEOUS.

TWO Days Work per week wanted for 15/9 Touring Car; expert and careful driver; terms moderate. Address, [illegible], "Pall Mall Gazette," Temple-avenue E.C.4.

WOMEN OF TO-DAY

THE MODERN GRANDMOTHER.

By A Gir. of To-day.

Take a peep into any household at twelve o'clock midday, and you will see the modern grandmother of fifty summers neatly clad in a shirt-blouse and tweed skirt, the whole probably covered with an overall, busily attending to domestic duties, or she may be about to start out armed with a shopping basket. Anyway, she is a homely figure, with, it may be imagined, not a thought beyond her home and her grown-up family.

When midnight chimes, glance into the ballroom of any hotel. A gaily-dressed woman of fifty, with prettily flushed cheeks, her grey hair charmingly coiffeured, is playfully waving a paper "tickler" at a friend across the room or energetically whirling a raffle between taking puffs at a cigarette. A partner comes to claim his dance, and off she goes with a fairy-like tread to the strains of the latest fox-trot.

You rub your eyes and gasp—for you recognise the sedate matron of the morning!

She never lacks partners, and the majority of them are youthful and good dancers. In fact, she often outshines the maiden of sweet seventeen.

"You must keep your waltzes for me, mater," is a remark you often hear as a man in the thirties approaches one of these attractive grandmothers Too old at fifty? What nonsense—not in these days, at any rate.

Do you see ghosts of the young grandmothers of yesterday clustering together in the shadows, watching their more fortunate sisters of to-day?

They, poor dears, had to don a lace cap and a black satin frock as soon as their fiftieth summer dawned What a shame they were not allowed to emulate Peter Pan and learn the secret of eternal youth, which the modern grandmother seems to know inside out.

THE CULPRIT.

The world's all right,
Just plod along;
It's usually the man
That's wrong.

WOMEN OF WESTERN TIBET.

By Shirley Pollexfen.

Women all the world over have at least one characteristic in common—their love of finery. Even in distant Western Tibet the traveller is struck by the coquetry of the fair sex, who are not pretty, and are of Mongolian type.

Their appearance is chiefly remarkable for the curious headdress they wear. This consists of a piece of leather covering the top of the head shaped to a point in front, and, hanging half-way down the back, tapers to a point again towards the end. This is closely or sparsely studded with turquoizes—according to the social position of the wearer.

I tried to buy one worn by a woman of good social position, but found I could scarcely lift it, let alone wear it! Some of the pieces were as large as a matchbox.

Pride is Worth a Pinch.

My curiosity led me to ask one of the women to show me her head without the covering, and it was, as I suspected, quite bald. The weight of the headdress soon wears away the hair, and even quite young women lose their hair, but in their opinion an additional turquoice always compensates for the minor disfigurement of thinning hair!

These women also wear elaborate silver and red coral necklaces, and a curious bracelet of white shell on each wrist.

Their actual clothing varies according to their position in society, the rich woman wearing brightly coloured skirts of silk or woven material, and those less blest with worldly goods black trousers of coarse material and long black coats.

On State occasions a handsome cloak of sheepskin is worn over all the other finery.

Picturesque Leh.

This article would not be complete without a short description of Leh, the capital of Ladakh, where these women are seen at their best in their own homes.

In order to reach Leh, taking Srinagar (capital of Kashmir) as your starting point, it is necessary to cross two passes, one 11,200ft. and the other 14,000ft. high. After several days' march one comes upon the town hidden behind its high walls. On either side of the long broad high street are quaint flat-roofed houses, and at the far end a large palace built above the town, where it stands like a sentinel on guard. Leh is a very picturesque town, and there a brisk trade is carried on in wool, Indian hemp, and tea.

R.S.V.P.

Are you prompt in answering your letters? Few people enjoy writing duty letters, and many put off the evil moment as long as possible.

If you are slack with your correspondence you should make a resolution to be so no longer.

All the successful women of to-day deal promptly with all their letters, and you will find you are much more popular with your friends if you answer their letters at once.

An invitation should be accepted or refused not later than two days after you have received it, and it is an excellent plan to make a rule to answer any personal letter within a week.

Any gift should be acknowledged, if possible, on the day upon which it is received.

This, in these days of hustle, is a somewhat tall order, and, as everyone realises, we have all become somewhat slack, owing to the latitude allowed us during the war and the years immediately following. Now, however, it is necessary to return in some measure to those little courtesies which were practised before.

If wedding presents are not acknowledged as soon as they arrive, and the letters of thanks are left until the return from the honeymoon, the bride will find an apparently hopeless task awaits her, and, too, she runs the risk of accidentally leaving someone out of her list of friends whom she has to thank.

ANECDOTES OF A MUSICIAN.

Sir Landon Ronald, like all true humorists, enjoys a joke against himself. Here are a few he relates:—

When Sir Landon Ronald succeeded Mr. Mylinarski as conductor of the Scottish orchestra he made his début in Glasgow. When he was entering his taxi after the performance he was asked by two little red-haired lassies if he would sign their autograph books. He had no pen with him, so signed his name in pencil and handed the books back. They both looked with surprise at the name, and one asked:—

"Aren't you Mr. Mylinarski?"

"No," was the reply; "my name is Landon Ronald."

The girl then turned to her friend and said, "Have you got an india-rubber, Jean?"

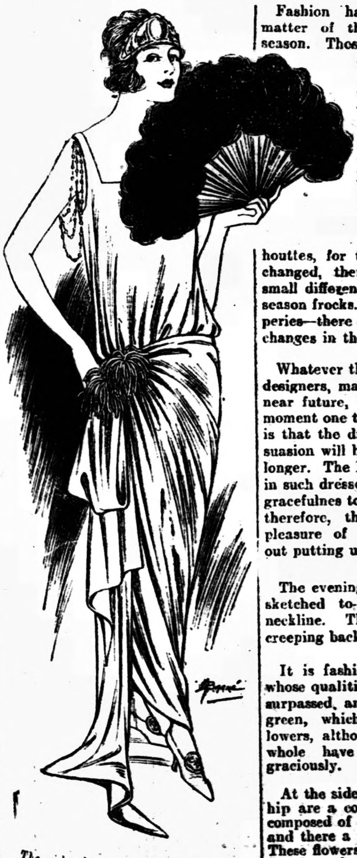
A Shock to his Vanity.

Sauntering into the club one day Sir Landon looked into the reading-room, and there he saw two men, one a famous pianist whom he knew, and the other an extremely ugly man who was a stranger to Sir Landon. The pianist introduced the stranger, who, upon closer inspection, Sir Landon considered uglier than ever. Imagine his feelings when the stranger remarked, "I am delighted to meet you; for years I have been a great admirer of yours; but apart from that I am interested to meet you, because I am so often mistaken for you!"

A weekly illustrated paper once sent a photographer to photograph Sir Landon Ronald. After placing him in all conceivable poses, he at last posed Sir Landon with his profile towards the camera. Back the photographer went to the camera and placed the black cloth over his head, but exclaimed upon looking into it, "Oh, my heavens, no! That's worse than ever!" Human nature could bear no more, so Sir Landon presented the photographer with a photograph he had by him!

Modes of the Moment

DIFFERENCES IN DETAIL MARK THE MID-SEASON FROCKS.



The side draperies of this evening gown of almond green satin beauté are held in place by two chrysanthemums of old gold satin and gold lamé.

Fashion has been kind in the matter of the silhouette this last season. Those with youth or with a certain personality have been allowed to wear the bouffante frock, while the rest have been content to clothe themselves in slim garments of graceful outline composed of the most wonderfully beautiful materials subtly draped.

Although these silhouettes, for the present, remain unchanged, there are any number of small differences in detail in mid-season frocks. Sleeves, girdles, draperies—there are almost imperceptible changes in them all.

Whatever those autocrats, the dress designers, may spring upon us in the near future, who can say? For the moment one thing is assured, and that is that the draped gown of slim persuasion will be with us for some time longer. The Englishwoman looks well in such dresses, and they suit her tall gracefulnes to perfection. Is it likely, therefore, that she will forgo the pleasure of looking her best without putting up a strong fight?

The evening gown which Barré has sketched to-day shows the square neckline. There are signs of this creeping back again into favour.

It is fashioned from satin beauté, whose qualities for draping cannot be surpassed, and the colour is almond green, which has found many followers, although Englishwomen as a whole have not received it too graciously.

At the side placed low down on the hip are a couple of chrysanthemums composed of old gold satin, with here and there a petal of dull gold lamé. These flowers, it will be noticed, keep in place the long loop of the material which, when released, forms a fish-tail train, while strings of beads—alternately cut crystal and gold bugles—decorate each shoulder.

WISDOM FOR WIVES

To clean a kettle fill with potato peelings and water, and boil fast until clean.

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If petrol is used in conjunction with ordinary furniture cream a lasting and brilliant polish, which does not finger-mark, will result.

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Salt-spoons should be removed from the salt at the end of each meal. Otherwise the spoon will become coated with verdigris, which is poisonous.

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Do not wind artificial silk for knitting into a ball, but over a piece of cardboard shaped like a Maltese cross, and you will not be troubled with tangles.

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Dissolve some washing soda in boiling water—1lb. of soda to a gallon of water—and pour over the coal. When this has dried the coal will burn more slowly.

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Doorsteps will not freeze and become dangerously slippery after being washed in frosty weather if a tablespoonful of methylated spirits is added to the water.

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You will get more heat from gas if you frequently remove the burners and detachable pipes from your stove, and boil them in a strong solution of soap and washing soda for half an hour.

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To light the copper fire quickly, put the coal at the back of the furnace, the wood next, and then the paper, and in five minutes the fire will be burning like the fire in an ordinary hearth grate.

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Renovate shabby curtain-hooks by boiling them in water to which a little vinegar has been added, afterwards rinsing well in lukewarm water and well drying.

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When painted walls have to be cleaned, do the job while they are wet with steam. In this condition they are cleaned with little trouble. Wipe off the steam with a clean, soapy cloth. Keep the cloth well rinsed.

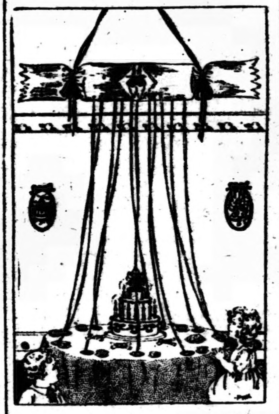
TO IMPROVE THE COMPLEXION.

Fresh beef makes good blood, and is easily-digested food. Fruits should be used liberally, with vegetables, cereals, and milk, and occasional indulgence in sweets may be permitted. Nothing is better for the complexion than oatmeal and oranges. Take for breakfast oranges with a plate of oatmeal; two or more oranges for luncheon, with plain puddings and very little meat; and for dinner, oranges with roast beef.

The Italian women have superb complexions, with marvellous colouring. Their food consists largely of coarse Indian meal and other coarse-grained cereals, with oranges. By way of caution, it should be added, do not eat too much; many ailments of the body and skin come from overeating.

IT IS TWELFTH NIGHT TO-NIGHT.

Shakespeare tells us in his "Twelfth Night" that "music is the food of love"—may be it is, and the beautiful Olivia appreciated it to the full; but the little Bettys, Peggys, and Jimmys of to-day have a quotation of their own for Twelfth Night parties, and this is, "If cakes be the food of fun, eat on."



There should, therefore, be a wonderful cake for them at their party, like the one you see illustrated. In it there should be a little gold bean, and the child who gets this in a slice of cake becomes the King or Queen of the party, or, if there are two gold beans, there can be both a King and a Queen.

It is greater fun still if there are other kinds of beans as well. Silver ones, for instance, for the chief courtiers, red ones for honoured guests, and black ones for ladies and gentlemen-in-waiting.

A big cracker full of small gifts creates great excitement, especially if a ribbon for each small guest is suspended from it (as shown in the picture), and at a given signal the ribbons are given a sharp pull, the cracker breaks open, and down shower the presents.

Twelfth Night is, of course, the "grand finale" of Christmas celebrations, for on this night you have to pull down all your decorations. Woe betide the mortals who do not—all sorts of dreadful things will happen to them in the New Year! So before you go to bed to-night be sure you make a tour of the house, and firmly seize any holly or mistletoe which may be hiding itself in a corner.

KNITTING AS A NERVE CURE.

I thought every woman had discovered that knitting soothes the nerves—it's only the nerves of the poor mere man who sits and watches her it does not soothe!

However, lately I heard of a woman who was amazed when her doctor recommended knitting instead of medicine to cure her nerve troubles.

Wherein lies the virtue of this simple remedy? Possibly it's the quick movement of the flashing needles which has a hypnotic effect upon a nervy woman, an effect sufficient to quiet the nerves, and a far better remedy than any drug taken for the same purpose.

Medical papers long ago approved the "knitting cure," and doctors spoke at great length of its successful result upon their nerve-worn patients.

A woman may perhaps say she cannot possibly spend her life wearing the garments she has knitted during her "cure," but she can always send them to charitable institutions, who will welcome them with open arms, and so her "medicine" will benefit others beside herself.

CUPID'S CLUB.

Beneath the moon
He told his love;
The colour left her cheeks,
But on the shoulder of his coat
It showed up plain for weeks.

WHISTLING FOR HEALTH.

In a cigarette factory in the East End there is a bright girl who whistles all day long at her work. "Why do you whistle so much?" she was asked one day, and the whistling girl went on to explain what an excellent physical exercise the annoying habit is.

"You learn to breathe properly when you whistle," she said, "and you acquire a control of the breath that nothing else except singing will give. You learn to breathe deeply, filling the very lowest sections of the lungs, and you learn the trick of nasal breathing, which is something London girls have not learned as thoroughly as they should.

"There is all the difference in the world in the way you breathe. Watch yourself some time when you have not been trying to follow a set of rules, and if you are not a proper breather you will notice that you are not drawing in the breath beyond the upper section of the lungs. Persons who lose their breath quickly when running or climbing steps will overcome this defect if they will practise whistling.

"The happy worker is the one who whistles. It may be that the whistling comes from the happy state of mind, or the state of mind from the whistling, but if you are observant at all you must have noticed that men and women who whistle while they work are not only good workers, but they like to do what they are doing."

WORLD OF SPORT.

THE RUGBY OUTLOOK.

NEW INTERNATIONAL HALVES.

GREAT PLAYERS IN YOUNG AND LAWTON.

IS AITKEN BARRED FROM SCOTTISH CAP?

(By G. H. HARNETT.)

So Cardiff just beat Blackheath, and it was by their forward play they managed to do so, and right on the run of the game. But if Francis had only passed to Harris, who was on his left and unmarked, instead of throwing over his shoulder in the hope of a Blackheathen securing it, the club might have managed to win.

The Cardiff pack had the weight, and broke up quicker than their opponents, followed up very fast, and spread themselves all over the field.

T. LAWTON, the Oxford Rugby Blue, who plays in the unfamiliar position of three-quarter in the final trial at Twickenham to-day.

Lowe and Harris in Form.

Lowe and Harris did well, and if they keep up the form they showed probably will get caps against Wales.

If anything should happen to Kershaw or Davies the half-back play of Young and Lawton was good enough for either of them to have a trial against any country, and they played into each other's hands (in spite of their forwards not being able to heel) in a way that was most pleasant to see.

I wonder how the Oxford and Cambridge match would have ended had Lawton been a half-back for the former instead of full-back?

France's Well-deserved Prize.

I understand France is desirous of joining the International Board, and they have earned, by their play, this recognition.

The two great points of the laws of that body are:—

(1) Framing the laws of the game for international matches, and

(2) Settling all questions connected with or arising out of any international match, including appeals against referee's decision therein, and all questions of an international character between unions arising otherwise than out of an international match.

That is their primary duty. They have no jurisdiction over the game in separate countries.

The Constitution of the Board.

Would it not help to have our neighbours over the Channel on the committee, and also do good for the game and bring all the unions, now they all play each other, closer together?

When the Board was first formed, the arbitrators awarded England six representatives, Scotland two, Ireland two, Wales two, making twelve in all.

Some years ago, however, Scotland and others asked England to reduce her number to four, which was agreed, so at present the Board has ten members.

No alteration can be made unless carried by a majority of at least three-fourths of those present.

Aitken an International?

The talk on Saturday, both at Blackheath and at the Wasps' dinner, which was largely attended, was in reference to Aitken and Wallace, and the position taken up by the Scottish Union.

What would be the position of Aitken (he has already played for New Zealand, unless I am very much mistaken) if he were picked for Scotland? Would he be eligible to play?

No man is allowed to play for two countries, and surely New Zealand counts as one, not only in football, but in other matters.

In my notes on October 28 the matter of qualification was dealt with, and matters like the above show how very necessary it is to have a proper ruling.

If Scotland has said to these players, you cannot get your Scottish cap unless you play for the London Scottish Club, it is rather near taking away the liberty of the subject, and trying to make players machines, forgetting the human part of those who play.

NORTHERN HOCKEY PLAYERS IMPROVING

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD PLAYING SURFACES.

USING CRICKET GROUNDS

(By a Special Correspondent.)

In view of the excellent form shown by the Cheshire and Lancashire county teams when on tour in London last week, the North eleven this year should be powerful, especially in attack, where the Northerners have been so weak in recent years.

Thus the forthcoming struggle between the North and South at Surbiton on February 3 promises to be unusually keen and interesting, and it may be that the North will play their oldest rivals a close game.

With such first-class exponents as G. F. Rowbotham (Lancs), F. C. Harrison (Lancs), R. W. Crummack (Lancs), G. F. Smith (Cheshire), and K. G. Chilman (Yorkshire) or F. Mylrea (Cheshire), the Northern forward line should be a fine blend of speed, dash, and smart stick work, resulting in good combination. One feature of the North's play this season is the high speed attained, and, if anything, this is a bit in front of the Southerners.

Young South Players.

That the South side will also be strong admits of no question. While there still remain several of the more famous exponents, we also have several capable players of the younger category, who are fast forging ahead. We shall become acquainted with these youngsters in the second Southern trial, which takes place at Purley on January 17. The selection committee have chosen two typical sides containing a fusion of the older and younger school.

It is well that the game in the other divisions of England should be healthy and greatly improved.

Both the North and the Midlands are keenly sensible of the importance of improved playing surfaces, and, wherever possible, the local cricket ground is secured for the hockey. Take an instance in point.

For years, the Lancashire county authorities have been trying to induce the Liverpool C.C. Committee to lend its ground for hockey, and at last the old preujdice against hockey being played on cricket grounds is melting away.

Importance of Good Turf.

The Liverpool C.C. have agreed to allow the Lancashire and Yorkshire county game on January 13 to be played there, and it is quite possible other well-known cricket grounds will open their doors to hockey.

Once the North gets the better playing pitch, the forward game must inevitably improve rapidly, and then the levelling up process with the South will become a mere question of time.

It is not without significance that the Warwickshire County Cricket Club have also agreed to lend their ground for the "housing" of the big England v. Ireland international on March 24.

Improves Cricket Grounds.

Going further afield, Wales is also seeing the big importance of the better ground for internationals, and it is expected that the Wales v. Ireland international will be decided on the Llandudno Cricket Ground, an excellent piece of turf.

Many cricket club executives now realise that the cricket outfields are improved rather than injured by allowing hockey to be played in the winter, simply because the groundmen are called upon to pay special attention weekly in the winter months to the rolling and nursing, whereas if no hockey were played, the cricket outfield would be idle all the winter without any attention at all, and so play "rough" to fieldsmen during the early summer months.

SOME BILLIARDS PLAYERS.

REPUTATIONS ENHANCED LAST YEAR

AND OTHERS DAMAGED

(By a Special Correspondent.)

Billiards is unlike any other sport and pastime, as its devotees get no sudden shocks by the discovery that they have a player in their midst who is a genius.

At wide intervals, of course, we do find a billiard genius, but as we have invariably seen him coming along for some years previously to his really triumphal entry, he is taken as a matter of course.

Even the case of George Gray, who swooped down on our English players like a hawk, came as no surprise, as from a small boy he had been building up a reputation in the Antipodes.

The Infant Prodigy.

He came here in 1910, but four years before this he made the following breaks in fifteen days: June 18, 228; June 21, 210; June 25, 513; June 27, 453; July 3, 495. This was in 1906, and he had only just then turned fourteen, having been born on March 28, 1892.

I mention this to show that a billiard player does not come out all at once and create a sensation without us having knowledge that he is steadily progressing towards that object.

Thus we had no startlers in 1922, as the two newcomers to the first-class billiard ranks, the amateur Mr. W. P. McLeod and the professional Joe Davis, had been moving upwards for some time.

Reputations Smirched.

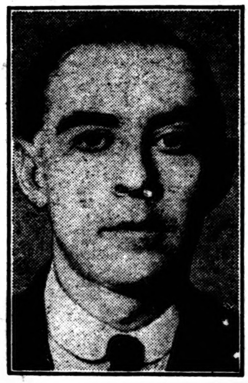
I cannot see any reputations made as a run through last season, but Reece, Falkiner, and Stevenson (abroad) badly besmirched theirs.

Newman, the champion, apparently reached the zenith of his form early in the year, for Smith, who was considerably his inferior on the book then, has apparently got upsides with him again. This points to a very fine tussle for the championship.

The veteran Inman, now in his forty-fifth year, has shown himself as good as ever, and although his championship prospects do not appeal to me, it is through no loss of form on his part, but that the other two, Newman and Smith, have gone so far ahead.

Enthusiasm of Davis.

Arthur Peall is forty-two now, a fairish age to be one of the junior division, but in that class he is very hard to beat, and it is a pity that his more famous father did not see fit to encourage "A. F.'s" billiard ambitions earlier in his life



L. W. SMITH,
The Darlington Billiards Professional.

Joe Davis, on the other hand, is still but a boy, twenty years younger than Peall.

His father, Alderman Davis, of Chesterfield, is as ambitious as the boy, and although recently his form has not been so good as in the spring, I feel assured he is destined to take high honours at the game.

Falkiner will probably do better later on, but Newman, Smith, Inman Peall, and Davis of the professionals, and Graham, Symes, Fry, and McLeod of the amateurs, have been the men of 1922, and should all be even better placed by the end of 1923.

GOSSIP ABOUT SOCCER.

THE MAN OF THE MOMENT.

TURNBULL'S RAPID RISE TO FAME.

CORINTHIANS' CUP TIE

(By "THE ONLOOKER.")

It is impossible to speak or think of football without the name Turnbull cropping up at once. Considerable mystery surrounds this great personality—the man of the moment.

Had Turnbull played centre-forward regularly, and suddenly found the way to score goals more often than most leaders, he would have attracted much attention. Because he began First League football as a full back and was transferred to the front line as a kind of forlorn hope, his success is hailed with nothing less than wonderment.

A Unique Achievement.

Nor is this surprising. Without attempting to search records, it may be suggested, without fear of contradiction by statisticians, that Turnbull's achievement in twice scoring four goals out of five in the course of seven days in League championship matches stands by itself. And the circumstances were exceptional, too.

On Boxing Day, at Highbury, Turnbull scored four of the five goals by which Arsenal beat Bolton Wanderers; on New Year's Day he equalled that performance at Blackburn. Neither side replied. The Rovers had not lost a home match this season, and four was the highest score against them, to which they answered with three at Roker Park.

Thirteen for Nothing.

Between these games Stoke went down on the Gillespie-road ground by three clear goals, of which Turnbull got one. So the side who were last in the tournament, and had just lost at Huddersfield, 4—0, and Bolton, 4—1, put on thirteen goals without giving one away, and Turnbull got nine of them.

Now the Arsenal have five clubs below them. They have scored 40 goals, a total which only Liverpool and Sunderland, the two top clubs, have exceeded with 48 each. In one particular the Arsenal are distinguished unfortunately; 52 goals, the highest number against any team, have been given away by their defence.

Youth Will Be Served.

This fact makes their recent doings all the more astonishing, and calls attention to the emergency defence—Robson, in goal, Mackie and Kennedy at full-back. Milne, Butler and John, the half-backs, share the credit for the sudden alteration in defensive ability.

"Youth will be served" is an epigram that could not be applied more correctly than to the Arsenal defenders.

To those who saw them reduce Bolton Wanderers to common hacks by their speed and cleverness, the win over humbler rivals than themselves, in Stoke, was an ordinary event. But Monday's win at Ewood Park came as a revelation.

Blackburn Outplayed.

On a ground frozen hard, but still muddy in places, the unaltered team created nothing less than a sensation in outplaying the experienced men who had scored 5—1 against West Bromwich Albion ten days before.

People who saw both games went into ecstacies over these youngsters from London. Blackburn, the home of the best football in England forty years ago, and well versed in all the changes that have varied the style of play during two generations, could not reconcile the two events. Bob Crompton, England's old full back and captain, was among those taken by surprise at the way his old team were run off their legs.

The Rovers were a goal down on the merits of the play before losing their goalkeeper. Although reinforcing the defence, they could not hold the Arsenal forwards—largely because of the fine play of the young halves and full backs.

Incomparable for Speed.

Turnbull claimed the last of three goals to make his tally fourteen for ten games as a centre forward. No one comparable to him for speed to get the ball and use it could be recalled in recent years by critics who have not missed any of our great players.

In these games he shot with the heavy ball from muddy, insecure foothold just as well as when the ball was lively and the turf frozen.

To explain such form it must be repeated that Turnbull took to the game naturally, like all Scots, and as a junior he played centre forward. When in the Corps of Signallers he played anywhere and everywhere.

Ground for Strong Hopes.

Natural instinct shows Turnbull where to find the goal and how to shoot into it. Leg power and the gift of direction make Turnbull such a dangerous man for goalkeepers to face.

Such sudden rise to fame, both for the team and the central figure, may not prove lasting, but strong hope exists.

Stoke to-day should not prove a stumbling-block, and, if all goes well in this return match against the bottom club in the League, tremendous interest will focus on Anfield next Saturday, when the champions and League leaders will keep their Cup engagement with the team who have become such a different force to what they were when the draw was made a week before Christmas.

TURNBULL, the Arsenal's prolific goal scorer.

Admiring Old Hands.

An injury to Butler on New Year's Day has compelled one change in the team. Graham will resume his old place at centre-half. This fact is particularly interesting, because it reminds us that Dunn, the goalkeeper, Bradshaw and Hutchins, the full backs, Voysey, half-back or forward, and Rutherford, the renowned outside right, are in reserve, contented to applaud the youngsters who have saved the club at the critical point in the season.

Joy and a splendid sporting spirit prevail at Highbury. The transformation has been brought about without obtaining any high-priced players, and praise is properly apportioned without turning the heads of the youngsters whose ambition is just to become as good as the club's most famous players.

Corinthians on Tour.

The Corinthians did not fare so well as expected on their tour. They showed themselves superior to the best amateurs of the North by defeating the Yorkshiremen by 5—0 and the Northern League 2—1. But the Isthmian League drew with them at the Crystal Palace on Boxing Day and the three sides, playing regularly against professional teams in League football, proved too good for them.

To lose at Northampton by an odd goal was a moderate performance, and, after losing 3—1 to Queen's Park at Glasgow, the Corinthians had 3—0 scored against them by almost a reserve side of Newcastle United.

The failure of their forwards against ordinary professional defences is disquieting. It does not suggest ability to overcome the Albion at Hove, and most people want the Corinthians to get through a few rounds of the Cup competition—for the sake of amateurism, and because their presence must give considerable novelty to a game that professionals are inclined to make stereotyped.

Lacking in Speed.

Special efforts to get quite fit may enable the Corinthians to show to more advantage than they have done for many years; but, so far as we have seen, the players have not shown the individual ability in pace and cleverness that used to enable them to put up a big display in any circumstances.

The extra pace at which the game is carried on may account for difference in skill because of the need to do everything so quickly. But the sluggard never had any place in such a rapid moving game as Association football, and I contend that with more experience in matches against first-rate teams that the Corinthians will become a force in the land.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The List of Applications will be closed on or before Wednesday, the 10th January, 1923.

A Copy of this Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The KASSALA RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1908 to 1917.)

SHARE CAPITAL.

	Authorised.	Issued
Shares of £1 each, fully paid	£300,000	£300,000

ISSUE OF £1,290,000

4½ per Cent. GUARANTEED DEBENTURE STOCK, 1934-1953.

being part of a total authorised Issue limited to £1,500,000.

Guaranteed as to Principal and Interest by His Majesty's Government under the Provisions of the Trade Facilities Act, 1921.

Interest payable half-yearly on the 1st February and 1st August. A first payment of £1 12s. 6d. per £100 will be made on the 1st August, 1923.

PRICE OF ISSUE £93 per Cent.

Payable as Follows:—

On Application	£ 5	per Cent.
On Tuesday, the 23rd January, 1923	£ 8	"
On Wednesday, the 21st February, 1923	£15	"
On Wednesday, the 21st March, 1923	£25	"
On Tuesday, the 24th April, 1923	£40	"
	£93	per Cent.

The Stock is an investment authorised by "The Trustee Act, 1893," for the investment of Trust Funds.

The Governor and Company of the Bank of England are authorised to receive applications for the above Stock.

The Stock will be repayable over the years 1934 to 1953 by the operation of a Cumulative Sinking Fund to be applied in purchasing Stock at or under par, or redeeming at par Stock selected in sums of £100 by drawings. For the purpose of facilitating drawings, each £100 of Stock will be given a distinctive number and such numbers will be stated on the back of the relative Stock Certificates. In any year in which a drawing of Stock for redemption is necessary such drawing will be made in the month of October, and the Stock drawn will be repayable on the following 1st February from which date interest thereon will cease. Holders of Stock drawn for redemption will be advised by notices posted to their respective registered addresses not less than three months prior to the date of redemption. Stock not previously redeemed will be repayable on the 1st January, 1953.

The Stock is secured by a Trust Deed, dated 22nd December, 1922, in favour of the Whitehall Trust, Limited, as Trustees, constituting a first specific charge on the Company's railway concession and railway when constructed, and on the benefit of the construction and operating contract with the Sudan Government Railways below-mentioned, and a first floating charge on all the Company's other property and assets, present and future, including uncalled capital, the Company being prohibited from creating any mortgages or charges ranking in priority to or pari passu with the Stock.

The Register of the Stock will be kept at the Bank of England.

The Stock will be transferable by ordinary transfer deed in sums of £100 or multiples thereof.

Interest until the 1st August, 1952, will be payable half-yearly on the 1st February and the 1st August. The final dividend will be payable 1st January, 1953, and will represent five months' interest. Dividend Warrants will be transmitted by post.

Applications, which must be accompanied by a deposit of £5 per cent., will be received at the Bank of England Loans Office, 5 and 6, Lombard Street, E.C. 3. In case of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will be applied towards payment of the first instalment; *should there be a surplus after making that payment, such surplus will be refunded by cheque.*

Applications must be for sums of £100 or multiples thereof.

Instalments may be paid in full after allotment under discount at the rate of £1 per cent. per annum. In the case of full payments made before the 23rd January, 1923, discount will only be allowed from the latter date. Default in the payment of any instalment by its proper date will render the deposit and any instalments previously paid liable to forfeiture and the allotment to cancellation.

Scrip Certificates to Bearer with Coupon attached for the interest payable 1st August, 1923, will be issued in exchange for the Allotment Letters. Fully-paid Scrip Certificates may be registered on and after the 23rd January, 1923.

A commission of 5s. per £100 will be paid to Bankers and Stockbrokers on allotments made in respect of applications bearing their stamp.

Prospectuses and Application Forms may be obtained at the Bank of England Loans Office, 5 and 6, Lombard-street, E.C. 3, and at any of the Branches of the Bank; at the Office of the Company, 1, London Wall-buildings, E.C. 2; at the National Bank of Egypt, 6 and 7, King William-street, E.C. 4; and of Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Steer, Lawford, and Co., 13, George-street, Mansion House, E.C. 4.

Bank of England, London, E.C. 2.
5th January, 1923.

The following additional information is given to comply with the provisions of the Companies' Acts:—

The Company has acquired a concession from the Sudan Government authorising the Company to construct and operate an extension line of railway from a junction with the main lines of the Sudan Government Railways at or near Thamiam, in the Sudan, to Kassala, a distance of approximately 217 miles.

The Auditors of the Company are Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths, and Co., 5, London Wall-buildings, E.C. 2.

A Copy of the Memorandum of Association of the Company is printed hereunder, and forms part of this prospectus.

The Articles contain the following provisions as to Directors' remuneration:—

The remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in General Meeting.

The Directors shall be paid all their travelling and other expenses, properly and necessarily expended by them in and about the business of the Company, including their travelling and other expenses incurred in attending the Board Meetings of the Company, and if any Director shall be required to perform extra services, or go or reside abroad, or shall otherwise be specially occupied about the Company's business, he shall be entitled to receive remuneration to be fixed by the Board, or at the option of such Director by the Company in General Meeting.

The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to the office of Managing Director or Manager for such term and at such remuneration (whether by way of salary or commission or participation in profits or partly in one way and partly in another) as they may think fit.

The preliminary expenses of the Company are estimated at £10,000, exclusive of the commissions and brokerage payable on the present issue.

The following contracts which are or may be material have been entered into:—

(i.) Dated the 7th November, 1922, between the Sudan Plantations Syndicate, Limited, and the Sudan Government.

(ii.) Dated the 16th day of November, 1922, between the same parties.

(iii.) Dated the 8th November, 1922, between the Sudan Government, the Sudan Plantations Syndicate, Limited, this Company and the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, being the agreement for the guarantee of present issue of Stock by his Majesty's Treasury.

(iv.) Dated the 5th December, 1922, between the Sudan Government and this Company, being the concession above referred to, which runs for a period of 31 years from 31st December, 1922. At the expiration of this period, the Railway and Works become the property of the Sudan Government without payment.

(v.) Dated the 7th December, 1922, between the Sudan Government Railways and

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this Company, being a contract for the construction and operation of the railway by the Sudan Government Railways. The consideration payable under this contract by the Company to the Sudan Government Railways for the construction of the railway (including provision of rolling stock and equipment) and payment of interest and expenses during the construction period is £1,550,000, payable in cash, plus any revenue earned by the operation of the railway up to the 31st December, 1925.

(vi.) Dated the 22nd December, 1922, between the Company and the Whitehall Trust, Limited, being the Trust Deed securing the Stock.

(vii.) Dated the 3rd January, 1923, between the Company and Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Steer, Lawford, and Company providing for the underwriting of the present issue for commissions aggregating 1¾ths p.c. on the nominal amount of Stock now offered.

Copies of the above-mentioned Contracts of the Treasury Minute dated the 9th November, 1922, guaranteeing the principal and interest of the Stock, of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, of the Trust Deed securing the Stock, and of the proposed form of Stock Certificate, may be seen by intending subscribers at the Offices of Messrs. Holmes, Son, and Pott, Capel House, New Broad-street, E.C. 2, and Messrs. Linklaters and Paines, 2, Bond-court, Walbrook, E.C. 4, on any day whilst the list is open.

DIRECTORS.

Brigadier-General Arthur Melland Asquith, D.S.O., 1, London Wall-buildings, E.C. 2.
Brigadier-General Guy Lubbock, C.M.G., D.S.O., Furze Hill, Margaretting, Essex.
Clement Gaukroger Hodgson, 5, Northumberland-avenue, W.C. 2, Consulting Engineer.

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE.

W. O. Simms, 1, London Wall-buildings, E.C. 2.

This Form of Application may be used.

THE KASSALA RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED,

4½ per cent. GUARANTEED DEBENTURE STOCK, 1934-1953.

Issue of £1,290,000 at £93 per Cent.

To the Governor and Company
of the Bank of England, E.C.

I/We hereby request you to allot to .... in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus dated the 5th January, 1923 (a) £.......................... say .... pounds of the above-named Stock, and I/we hereby engage to pay the instalments as they shall become due, on any allotment that may be made in respect of this application, as provided by the said Prospectus.

The sum of £.................., being the amount of the required deposit (b) (namely £5 for every £100 of Stock applied for), is enclosed herewith.

Signature ....

Name of Applicant in full ....

State Title, if any, or whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss.

Communications to be addressed to:—

Name ....

Address ....

Date January, 1923.

Please write distinctly.

(a) Applications must be for not less than £100, and must be for multiples of £100.

(b) Where applications on behalf of several persons are made through one Agent at the same time, one cheque only, for the total deposit, is necessary; but in all such cases, both the applications and the cheque should be enclosed in one covering envelope. Cheques should be made payable to "bearer," not to "order," and should be crossed thus:—

Bank of England,
a/c Kassala Railway Loan.

THE MONEY MARKET.

RATES EASE AGAIN ON ABUNDANT SUPPLIES.

Easy conditions prevailed in the Money Market to-day, although a further and very large amount was repaid to the Bank of England. The demand for short loans was quite small, and money was almost unlendable in the open market. Fresh loans over the week end were freely offered at 1 down to ½ per cent. Fixtures went on at 1¼—1½ per cent., which was also the rate for weekly fixtures.

Discount rates weakened somewhat following the drop in the Treasury bill rates, and two months' paper declined to 2 1-16—2 3-16 per cent. In some quarters business was done in these bills under 2 per cent. Three and four months' fine bills were called 2¼—5-16 per cent. and "sixes" 2 7-16—½.

The banks were willing buyers of March Treasuries at 2 per cent., but very few were available. Only a few of the new bills changed hands around 2 1-16—⅛ per cent. The "tap" rate is down from 2 to 1⅞ per cent.

Silver was much firmer on Indian buying, and spot rose ⅜d. to 31 15-16d., forward similarly recovering to 31 5-16d.

The foreign exchange market has got over yesterday's shock, and most currencies, with the notable exception of marks, recovered to-day. Rio fell to a new low record.

	Previous closing.	To-day.
Paris	67.05—67.10	66.08—66.13
Amsterdam	11.69—11.70	11.69—11.70
Rome	93—92¼	91⅝—91¾
Madrid	29.59—29.61	29.60—29.63
Switzerland	24.47—24.49	24.54—24.56
Brussels	72.35—72.45	71.70—71.75
Berlin	39750—40250	39500—40000
Vienna	315000—330000	315000—330000
Bukarest	800—830	825—845
Warsaw	80000—85000	83000—88000
Prague	155—157	160—162
Finland	188—189	188¾—189¼
Christiania	24.55—24.60	24.57—24.60
Copenhagen	22.67—22.70	22.69—22.71
Stockholm	17.31—17.33	17.27—17.30
Greece	375—385	395—405
Lisbon	2 13/32—2 15/32	2 11/32—2 13/32
Rio de Janeiro	6d.	5⅛d.
Mexico	25—23	23—23
Valparaiso	35.10	35.00
B. Ayres tel. trans.	44—44¼	43⅞—44⅛
New York (cable)	4.64⅞—4.64½	4.64⅞—4.65⅛
Montreal	4.66½—4.67½	4.67½—4.63
Bombay tel. trans.	1/4 1/16d.	1/4 1/16d.
Calcutta tel. trans.	1/4 1/16d.	1/4 1/16d.
Hong Kong tel. trans.	2/3½d.	2/3¼d.
Shanghai	3/0d.	3/0d.
Yokohama	2/1⅛d.	2/1 1/16d.
Singapore	2/4⅛d.	2/4⅛d.
Montevideo	44⅛—44¼	43 13/16—43 15/16

The fund organised in Ireland for the dependents of C. Aylin amounts to £1,115 as the result of the first few days' collection.

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

NEW ISSUE WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE

An important point in connection with the 4½ per cent. Debenture stock of the Kassala Railway Company offered to-day is that it is guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the British Government. This places the stock in the list of trustee investments.

The new stock may be regarded as a fairly long-dated security, although the sinking fund for redemption comes into operation in 1934. The final date of redemption is 1953. Comparatively with Home Funds, and regarding the stock as in the same class, the yield is quite good, being almost £4 17s. per cent., or £4 19s. per cent. allowing for ultimate profit on redemption.

The Provincial Bank of Ireland also maintains its dividend for the year at 13⅓ per cent., a half-yearly payment at that rate being just announced.

MORE BANKING RESULTS.

Close upon the heels of Barclays figures come the preliminary results of the other three of the big banks. They clearly indicate that lower profits have been the rule rather than the exception during 1922. In all three instances, however, the dividends have been maintained with a comfortable margin, as the following figures show:—

	Net Profit. 1922.	Paid in Dividends.
L.C.J. Midland	£2,253,492	£1,441,778
Lloyds	£2,068,875	£1,766,675*
Nat. Provincial and Union	£1,854,190	£1,500,000*

*Estimated.

The "Midland" dividend is again 18 per cent., Lloyds 16⅔ per cent., and National Union and Provincial 16 per cent.

GREAT DEMAND FOR NITRATE.

Holders of nitrate shares can look forward with confidence to further appreciation in their securities. The outlook for the industry appears to be getting "better and better," and during the past fortnight an enormous business has been done by the Producers' Association.

According to Aikman (London), Ltd., about 272,000 tons, making the total sales since last July about 1,492,000 tons.

The features have been further important purchases by German importers, the disregard by consuming dealers of the fluctuations in Continental currencies and a general disposition on their part to contract for next spring delivery on a sterling basis. The re-entry of Germany as a buyer again through the old channels may have far-reaching consequences to the industry.

PRINTED ON RUBBER PAPER.

The current issue of the "Investors' Chronicle" is of special interest as being the first newspaper ever printed on rubber latex paper—i.e., paper in the manufacture of which pure rubber latex forms an integral part. Appropriately this journal, which has always specialised with regard to the rubber industry, marks the occasion with a rubber supplement, in which interviews appear with many heads of the industry, several of whom discuss various new uses for rubber which are now in process of development. These experts all suggest that important industrial developments vitally affecting the rubber-producing industry are pending.

CHAMPION AND SLEE.

Accounts show net loss of £5,077 after £3,825 depreciation. The sum of £10,000 is taken from the reserve to clear off loss and meet Preference dividend. Unsatisfactory results are ascribed to trade depression and keen competition in vinegar trade. No Ordinary dividend is paid.

RIO FLOUR MILLS.

Despite low exchange value of Brazilian currency, the Rio de Janeiro Flour Mills Company has made record profits. Net profit for 1921-22 comes out at £217,487 against £172,753. The distribution, however, is still 20 per cent. as before, the capital having been increased by a bonus share issue.

TROUT FOR BRAZIL.

Again an attempt is being made to introduce trout into Brazil.

Some time ago a large number of trout "ova" were sent out to South America, but owing partly to inexperience on the part of the recipients, Brazil is still without trout.

On the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Arlanza, which sailed from Southampton to-day for South America, are 25,000 trout "ova," which have been supplied by the Surrey Trout Farm.

Sir Sam Fay has been appointed a director of Beyer Peacock and Co.

Sir Alfred Mond has rejoined the board of Brunner, Mond and Co.

The reduced profits of the mines controlled by the Rand Mines, Ltd., are due chiefly to lower valuation of gold, which has been taken at £4 5s. net per fine ounce against £4 8s. 6d. for November, and to shorter working month.

The Cyclists' Touring Club has arranged to insure all its members between the ages of 16 and 65 against personal accidents while riding or otherwise propelling a cycle. No addition is being made to the annual subscription of 10s.

TWO LICENCES—ONE GIRL.

LAST-MINUTE HITCH IN WEDDING ROMANCE.

BRIDEGROOM'S DASH.

Miss Ivy Gladys Featherstone, the Plymouth girl, for whose hand in marriage two men aspired, both taking out licences at the Henrietta-street Register Office, Covent Garden, last week, arrived at the Register Office this morning with Mr. Howard Elliott Booker, a company director.

The rejected suitor, a West End dentist, was not present.

But Miss Featherstone and Mr. Booker could not be married at once.

They drove up to the office just after eleven, but they were preceded, it is understood, by a relative of the bride-to-be, who complained that there was an impediment in the marriage.

Photographers waited for a long time for the usual happy exit, and were surprised to watch Mr. Booker excitedly rushing out.

Marired!

He was on his way to the American Consulate following a discussion between the parties in the Registrar's office.

Shortly before one o'clock Mr. Booker returned to the Register Office in a motor-car, and his wedding with Miss Featherstone took place at once, it being proved that a misunderstanding had occurred in regard to Mr. Booker.

Interviewed after the ceremony, Mrs. Booker, a pretty brunette, explained that her other suitor had given notice of marriage without her consent.

"I am perfectly satisfied and quite happy with the result," she remarked with a smile, adding that the honeymoon would be spent at Monte Carlo.

MONDAY'S RACING.

HINTS FOR THE MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

Next week will be a quiet one so far as National Hunt sport is concerned, as after Birmingham on Monday and Tuesday there is only a small two-day meeting at Tenby, and then comes Lingfield to finish up the week.

Entries for the Birmingham Meeting on Monday are on a good scale, and there is promise of a fine race for the Staffordshire Hurdle, for which some smart jumpers are engaged.

A trio of Hednesford candidates are at the head of the Handicap, and after the smart way Benediction polished off a good field at Manchester he should prove the best.

There are others also with chances, and of these I like Corney Grain, Bright Orb, Sans Douté, and Ullswater With bottom weight Atlantic Flight is not out of it by any means, but I shall stand Bright Orb to win. Slections:

Stechford Hurdle: **CLARKIA.**
Birmingham 'Chase: **MASTER RIPPLE.**
Staffordshire Hurdle: **BRIGHT ORB.**
Stayers' 'Chase: **PIRNWINDER.**
Maiden Hurdle: **SANS PECHE.**
Packington 'Chase: **GREENMOUNT.**

NEWMARKET GALLOPS.

EXERCISE WORK OF HORSES AT HEADQUARTERS.

(From Our Resident Correspondent.)

NEWMARKET, Saturday.

ON THE RACECOURSE SIDE.

T. Leader's Taffytus and Cortosa went two miles over fences. Liscar and Streak of Light covered two miles.

Beatty sent Black Gown two miles.

Madden's Happy Release went two miles.

Lines sent Old Tay Bridge two miles.

W. Jarvis sent Greek Vine a mile and three-quarters.

Toon's Maiden's Mirror and Cecile Rhodes covered a mile and three-quarters.

T. Leader's Lord Ednam went a mile and three-quarters.

Bennett sent Red Monk, Cryptical, and Lone Wolf a mile and a quarter.

ON THE BURY SIDE.

T. Leader's Morning Star, Austin Friars, Lama of Tibet, Beau Soleil, Aisle, Perry Hill, Atlantic Flight, Greensleeves, and Sprig covered a mile and a quarter.

De Mestre's Argo, Pondoland, Evander, Polydipsia, Lenglen, Longstop, and Fodder went six furlongs.

Left for Birmingham: Our Ben.

Selections for Birmingham, Monday:—
Stretchford Hurdle.—**FOOL PROOF.**
Birmingham Steeplechase. — **IMPRESSIONER.**
Staffordshire Hurdle.—**BENEDICTION.**
Stayers' Steeplechase.—**CONJUROR.**
Four-Year-Old Hurdle.—**OUR BEN.**
Packington Steeplechase. — **HARMONIOUS.**

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Birmingham engagements, January 8 and 9: Vive La, Charley's Uncle, Hogler and all horses entered in Mrs. C. Stevens's name.
Birmingham engagements: Salvador.
Lingfield engagements, January 12 and 13: Hogler.
Tenby engagements: Bachelor's Bevel.
Hopeful Stakes, Doncaster: Queen Brian.

WEST-END FIRM'S FUR COAT.

DESCRIPTION PUZZLE IN TRADE PROSECUTION.

STORY OF PROFITS.

"A LAMB A LAMB AND A RABBIT A RABBIT."

The prosecution brought by the London Fur Trade Association against Messrs. Childs Wayre (Ltd.), of Oxford-street, was resumed before Mr. Mead at Marlborough-street police-court to-day.

There were two summonses under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887, one for the alleged application of a false trade description, namely, "Crimmer lamb," to a fur coat, and the second alleging the sale of the coat under such false trade description.

Case for Prosecution.

At the previous hearing the case outlined for the prosecution was that the coat, sold by the defendant company as "Crimmer lamb," and advertised by them and so marked by them in the invoice, for seven guineas, was made of China slink lamb, a very inferior class of fur, originally white in colour, and dyed to imitate the fur of Crimmer lamb.

No Crimmer lamb coat of the size of the one sold could be made, it was urged, for even five or six times that price.

Defence's Contention.

The summonses were brought at the instance of Mr. Ernest R. Sharpe, a member of the executive council of the London Fur Trade Association, and proceedings followed the council's submission of the coat to experts in the fur trade.

In cross-examination of the witnesses at the previous hearing, Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., suggested that the description was a perfectly fair and proper one, and that grey Crimmer lamb was lamb treated to look like grey Crimmer.

What "Slink" Means.

To-day Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., with whom was Mr. Roland Oliver, for the defence, again raised the meanings of the various terms used in the vocabulary of the fur trade, and had Mr. Sharpe, of the Council of the London Fur Trade Association, recalled for the purpose of further cross-examining him thereon.

Mr. Sharpe now said that he used the word "slink" to mean skin of either unborn or newly-born lamb.

In reply to further questions, witness said, emphatically: "I do know a 'slink' is not a 'crimmer.'"

"Decidedly Not."

Mr. Ernest Poland, senior partner of Messrs. P. R. Poland and Son, fur and skin merchants, Queen Victoria-street, asked by Mr. Travers Humphreys, for the prosecution, if the coat sold by the defendant company in this case was a "Crimmer" lamp, replied, "Oh, no, decidedly not."

Sir Edward Marshall (cross-examining): You as a fur and skin merchant would call a lamb a lamb, a rat a rat, and a rabbit a rabbit?—Yes.

You would not call a rabbit a cony?—We do not ourselves.

And a fitch dyed to look like sable, you would call a fitch, and not sable?—Witness assented.

Intermediate Profits.

In questions regarding the distinction between wholesalers, retailers, and maufacturers, Sir Edward said: "What I what to find out is how many intermediate profits there are between the trapper and the person who wears the curt coat."

Witness: There might be only one profit, or six or seven.

Sir Edward: Or ten?—Yes.

Sir Edward: This is not a prosecution of a firm for a misdescription of a fur, but because they are selling the identical articles which monopolists have hitherto sold at a price which is not comparable?—Oh, no.

No Such Word.

In reply to further questions witness said he was a brother of Mr. Henry Poland, a well-known authority and author of "Fur Bearing Animals in Nature and Commerce."

Sir Edward: As written in that book, have you any doubt that crimmer or Crimean lamb, with a comma after crimmer, was meant by your brother to imply that crimmer was exactly the same thing as Crimean lamb?

Witness: No such word as Crimean lamb is used in the fur trade.

Sir Edward: No, but if you talked of crimmer everybody knew you meant Crimean lamb.

NOTED DETECTIVE'S FUNERAL.

The funeral took place to-day at Putney Vale Cemetery of ex-Chief Detective-inspector John George Littlechild, who was the first Chief of the Special Branch at New Scotland Yard.

He played a prominent part in the investigation of Fenian outrages in London [illegible].

A BAD DAY FOR FAVOURITES

KEEP COOL TAKES THE CHIEF EVENT.

PRINCE HEROD UNPLACED.

THREE WINNERS FOR ESCOTT.

HURST PARK, Saturday.

The going was decidedly on the heavy side for the resumption of racing here to-day, but the weather was fine, and quite a large number of people put in an appearance in consequence. Runners were also fairly numerous

Escott won the Novices' Steeplechase on Merry Horn after a very close finish with Lukewarm, and thus brought his winning rides at the meeting to three.

Lukewarm, ridden by Mr. H. A Brown, had been reckoned little short of a certainty, and a short price was taken contentedly by punters.

Neither Fish, the rider of Bright Prospect, nor Wallington, on Eden Nook, were hurt when their mounts fell. That very experienced rider Rennison came down on Khoosh in the Wolsey Hurdle race, for which thirteen went to the post. Dark Vixen drew away with such an advantage two hurdles from home that her success seemed certain. She floundered, however, and stopped during the run-in, and lost by half a length to Graceful Mover.

Judging by the wagering, a coup was intended with Dark Vixen, and the lead set by some backers usually associated with the stable was followed by the public. Dark Vixen, however, only managed to run second to Graceful Mover, on whom Percy Allden rode a very strong finish.

1.0.—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs; second 35 sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

MERRY HORN (Ld Henry Nevill), 5-11-12 A Escott 1
LUKEWARM (Capt B Bibby), a-12-4 Mr H A Brown 2
ST. GEORGE II. (Mr C D W Parrish), 6-12-4 G Wall 3

Also ran: Eden Nook (H Wallington), Rifleman (F Brookes), Bright Prospect (F Fish).

(Off 1.1.—Winner trained by Whitaker.)

Betting.—7 to 4 on Lukewarm, 5 to 1 agst Bright Prospect, 8 to 1 MERRY HORN, 10 to 1 others. Won by a neck; three lengths.

St George led from Merry Horn and Lukewarm to the fence after the brook, where Bright Prospect fell, as did Eden Nook a mile from home. Lukewarm headed St George after entering the straight, but was challenged at the final fence by Merry Horn, who got the better of a strenuous finish. Rifleman was the only other to finish.

1.30.—WOLSEY (S) FOUR YEAR - OLD HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs; second 10 sovs. Two miles.

GRACEFUL MOVER (Mr W H Allden), 10-7 P Allden 1
DARK VIXEN (Mr I Moss Vernon), 10-7 W Smyth 2
LEONOTIS (Mr J R Thornton), 10-7 H East 3

Also ran: Khoosh (Rennison), North and South (A Escott), Sonoma (V Piggott), Octabella's Pride (Capt Bennett), Redshank (Gregson), Lomond Boy (I Morgan), Shustoke (Trudgill), Bachelor's Gamble (Lefebve), House (L Hall), Artemesia (Humphries).

(Off 1.30.—Winner trained by P Allden.)

Betting: 13 to 8 agst Dark Vixen, 7 to 2 Lomond Boy, 6 to 1 Octabella's Pride, 8 to 1 each GRACEFUL MOVER and Leonotis, 100 to 7 others. Won by half a length; three lengths.

Sonoma led from Redshank, with Graceful Mover last, for seven furlongs, when Redshank went on, closely attended by Lomond Boy, who took up the running and entered the straight clear of Shustoke. Two hurdles from home Dark Vixen took the lead, but was challenged at the final flight by Graceful Mover, who won cleverly. Lomond Boy was fourth and Sonoma last. Khoosh fell.

Graceful Mover was retained for 320gns.

2.0.—MITRE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 400 sovs; second 50 sovs, third 25 sovs. Three miles.

KEEP COOL, by Pam—Alexa (Mr W H Midwood), a-11-2 ....A Escott 1
SQUARE DANCE (Mr H M Curtis), a-12-1 L B Rees 2
HARD NAIL (Lord Denman), a-10-10 F Fitton 3

Also ran: My Rath (D Dick), Greenogue (Tighe).

(Off 2.3.—Winner trained by Whitaker.)

Betting: 5 to 4 agst KEEP COOL, 7 to 4 Square Dance, 7 to 1 Hard Nail, 8 to 1 Greenogue, 100 to 8 My Rath. Won by half a length; two lengths.

Greenogue fell.

2.30.—RICHMOND MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 300 sovs; second 35 sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

HIGH FORCE (Lord Rosebery), 4-10-12 F B Rees 1
SANGOT (Lord Lascelles), 5-11-8 G Duller 2
BUCKSIE (Mr D J Cogan), 5-11-8 J Hogan, jun 3

(Off 2.32.—Winner trained by W Nightingall)

Also ran: Prince Herod (Capt Bennett), Twickenham (W Smyth), Marcia (Moreau), Highlander (L Butchers), Benula (Fitton), Irish Eagle (L Rees), Dry Toast (E Lane), Silvanus (Reardon), Hong Kong (D Dick).

Betting: 13 to 8 on Prince Herod, 5 to 1 agst HIGH FORCE, 6 to 1 Sangot, 10 to 1 Twickenham, 100 to 8 others. Won by two lengths; ten lengths.

Highlander fell.

3.0. — NORBITON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs; second 25 sovs, third 10 sovs. Two miles.

HENRY B, by Henry the First—Frusquin Belle (Sir A E Bowen), a-11-6 ...A Escott 1
GEM (Mr G Skipper), a-10-7 ....J Burns 2
CARROLSTOWN (Mr J McDonnell), a-10-13 Mr Chapman 3

Also ran: Dudley (C Kelly), Kincraig (D Dick), What Luck (F Brookes), Lord Bunny (L'Estrange).

(Off 3.2.—Winner trained by F Hunt.)

An objection to the winner on the ground of bumping and boring was overruled.

3.30.—MORTLAKE HURDLE HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second 35 sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

TOMAHAWK, by Javelin—Lady Brendan (Mr M Weil), 5-11-0 ....G Duller 1
TUSCAN (Mr J L Dugdale), 5-10-13 A Escott 2
LLANGARREN (Mr P W Shaw), a-10-11 J Hogan, jun 3

Also ran: Contractor (J L'Estrange), Mythical (I Anthony), Aubretia (J Anthony), Charles Surface (Robson), Charley's Uncle (F Rees), Dictation (D Dick).

(Off 3.31.—Winner trained by W Nightingall)

Betting: 11 to 10 on TOMAHAWK, 4 to 1 agst Aubretia, 9 to 2 Tuscan, 8 to 1 Charles Surface, 100 to 8 others. Won by a head; a length and a half.

BIG SURPRISE AT HAYDOCK.

HAIRPIN II. BEATEN BY A 20 TO 1 CHANCE.

1.0. — BIRCHFIELD FOUR - YEAR - OLD HURDLE RACE PLATE of 150 sovs; second 15 sovs. Two miles.

KING DAVID (Mr T K Laidlaw), 11-0 F Wootton 1
PHANTOM CHARLEY (Sir R M Liddell), 11-0 A Waudby 2
ROSSIENY (Mr H Tait), 11-0 W Hamilton 3

Also ran: Hereford Lad (L Jones), Lado (Bunn), Stellation (J Mason), Roi du Ciel (Threlfell), His Excellency (G Goswell), Myglys (J Goswell).

(Off 1.1.—Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting.—2 to 1 on KING DAVID, 9 to 2 agst Roi du Ciel, 8 to 1 each Stellation and Phantom Charley, 100 to 8 others. Won by t[illegible] lengths; eight lengths.

1.30.—ST. HELENS SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Three miles.

CUPID'S DART, by Target—Heart's Desire (Mr E McGregor), a-11-6 ....M Smith 1
CAY DAMSEL (Mr F Green), a-10-0 F Croney 2
PRIDE OF MANISTER (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-7 ....F Mason 3

Also ran: Irish Dragoon (F Smith), Upton Lad (J Mason), Loblolly (J Mahoney, sen).

(Off 1.32.—Winner trained privately.)

Betting: 5 to 4 on Pride of Manister, 4 to 1 Gay Damsel, 5 to 1 Loblolly, 8 to 1 CUPID'S DART, 100 to 8 others. Won by four lengths; five lengths.

2.0. — EARLSTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs; second 20 sovs. Two miles.

RAMDA, by Myram—Boda (Mr W Brown), a-11-2 ....A Waudby 1
SOME DANCER (Mr G Brennand), a-11-2 W Hammett 2
STORMFRUIT (Mr O F Kenyon), 5-10-10 M Dillon 3

Also ran: Galtee Boy (G Walsh).

(Off 2.1.—Winner trained by Casebourne.)

Betting.—11 to 10 agst RAMDA, 5 to 2 Stormfruit, 7 to 2 Some Dancer, 10 to 1 Galtee Boy. Won by ten lengths; bad third.

2.30. — JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs; second 15 sovs, third 5 sovs. Two miles.

FLY MASK, by Fly Fisher, dam by Bergo-Mask (Mr T K Laidlaw), a-10-0 J Mahoney, sen 1
HAIRPIN II. (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-5 G Goswell 2

Also ran: Zenon (T Leader).

(Off 2.30.—Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting.—13 to 8 on Hairpin II., 7 to 4 agst Zenon, 20 to 1 FLY MASK. Won by three lengths.

3.0. — STATION SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Two miles.

DART UP, by Willonyx—St. Agnes (Mr T R Bolton), a-10-11 .... J Mahoney, sen 1
MORE RAIN (Mr S Rose), a-11-7...A Waudby 2
CAMBRIDGE PRINCE (Mr J Owen), 5-10-6 T Leader 3

Also ran: Stockinette (H Dawes), Poise (Threlfell), Maduro (Mr P Dennis), Corso (Watkinson), Fortune (Foster), Pickering (Mr Prioleau), The Corsican (Willmott), Mandrake (F Saunders), Black and Tan (J Mason), Emancipation (W Stott), King's Double (W Hamilton).

(Off 3.1.—Winner trained by Botterill.)

Betting: 9 to 4 agst Emancipation, 7 to 2 More Rain, 6 to 1 each Poise and DART UP, 10 to 1 each Fortune and Cambridge Prince, 100 to 8 others. Won by a length and a half; same.

3.25.—WHITE LODGE STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 10 sovs, third 5 sovs. Two miles.

DRUMREE, by Frontino, dam by ...Homing —Regina (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-0 G Goswell 1
PRESUMPTUOUS (Mr G Clancy), 5-11-3 J Mahoney, sen
EDGELEY (Mr J C Paterson), a-11-7 A Wall

Also ran: Rampage (J Casey), Simon's Mount (A Morris), Beckers (A Reader).

(Off 3.26.—Winner trained by Sanday.)

Betting: 5 to 2 on DRUMREE, 9 to 2 agst Presumptious, 8 to 1 Simon's Mount, 20 to 1 others. Won by six lengths; bad third.

ENGLAND'S POINTS MOUNT UP.

THE REST OVERWHELMED IN FINAL RUGBY TRIAL.

HARRIS BADLY INJURED

The final international Rugby trial match at Twickenham to-day created even more interest than usual by reason of the big uncertainty as to the composition of the England fifteen that is to meet Wales on the Rugby Union ground on January 20.

Although England has her difficulties among the "outsides," the problems of the pack are more urgent.

Unluckily for the "Rest" side, S. G. Considine, their fly half, had to cry off through illness, and T. Millington, that ideal partner to the evergreen Dix in the Gloucester side, was asked to take his place, with Young, the Light Blue, as scrum half.

T. Lawton, who played for Oxford against Cambridge at full back this season and at stand-off half-back last season, was also given a trial, but in a strange position—as a three-quarter.

The game was favoured with brilliant weather, and quite a number of people took advantage of the bright sunny day.

The great shadow which the stand threw across the ground made the light very puzzling, as one half of the ground was in the shadow and the other in glaring sunshine.

Davies Soon Scores.

When Conway kicked off for England, Young secured from a little loose play, and Robson took a wide pass in great style. The England pack dribbled strongly, and Davies picked up only to find Corbett too far forward.

From a kick forward by England after 4 minutes play Wickes returned straight to Davies, who calmly dropped a goal from in front of the post.

A lovely piece of passing, Davies feinting before sending the ball through all the threes, enabled Harris to run to a few yards of the line. The Rest never cleared the attack, and Myers dropped another goal, a replica of the Davies' effort.

Harris Returns Injured.

Young fielded a long kick beautifully, but could not make headway, and when Davies again started the England threes, Corbett and Harris, raced up to the line where Mellhuish brought down Harris with a fine tackle.

The Rest forwards heeled round, but Young was closely watched by Kershaw, who got to him quickly. Harris was heavily tackled by Wickes, and the game was stopped for a few minutes while he retired to touch with his leg injured.

Harris eventually had to be carried off, and before the game re-started Smallwood changed over to the English side, Rayner coming out for the Rest.

Two Tries by Lowe.

Soon after the restart England scored again, Lowe going over easily for Kershaw to convert.

Up to then The Rest had been overwhelmed, and on the run of the play there seemed no possibility of England's score being stopped from mounting steadily.

After the game had been in progress twenty-two minutes Lowe again scored. The try on this occasion was converted.

In last week's match between Blackheath and Cardiff, Lowe showed a welcome return to form, and to-day he played a remarkably sound game.

Lowe's first try was typical of the Heathen. He ran half the length of the field to score behind the post, and the run was full of baffling swerve and pace, and although thrice challenged, he always seemed certain to score.

Eight minutes later, however, The Rest scored, V. G. Davies crossing the line, Lawton converting.

Just before half-time Cohen scored a try for The Rest.

HALF-TIME SCORE.

ENGLAND	**16 pts.**
THE REST	**8 pts.**

The teams were:—

ENGLAND.

F. Gilbert (Devonport Services); C. N. Lowe ((Blackheath), E. Myers (Bradford), L. J. Corbett (Bristol), S. W. Harris (Blackheath), W. J. A. Davies (United Services), C. A. Kershaw (United Services); G. S. Conway (Manchester), R. Cove-Smith (Old Merchant Taylors), W. C. T. Eyres (Devonport Services), E. R. Gardner (Devonport Services), W. E. G. Luddington (Devonport Services), H. L. Price (Leicester), A. T. Voyce (Gloucester), W. W. Wakefield (Cambridge University).

THE REST.

R. K. Mellnish (Old Merchant Taylors); R. H. Hamilton-Wickes (Cambridge University), V. G. Davies (Harlequins), T. Lawton (Oxford University), T. Millington (Gloucester); S. G. U. Considine (Bath), A. T. Young (Cambridge University); R. Armstrong (Northumberland), R. Edwards (Newport), A. S. Cohen (Cambridge University), J. E. Maxwell-Hyslop (Oxford University), H. G. Periton (Lancashire), A. Robson (Northumberland), F. W. Sanders (Plymouth Albion), J. S. Tucker (Bristol).

HALF-TIME SCORES.

'SPURS ONE UP ON MIDDLESBROUGH.

LEAGUE I.

Newcastle 1, Notts Forest 0.
Liverpool 0, Chelsea 0.
Huddersfield 1, Everton 0.
Sunderland 1, Birmingham 0.
Stoke 0, Arsenal 0.
West Bromwich 1, Blackburn 0.
Spurs 1, Middlesbrough 0.
Cardiff City 0, Bolton 0.
Sheffield United 2, Burnley 0.
Preston 0, Villa 0.
Manchester City 2, Oldham 0.

LEAGUE II.

Fulham 1, Southampton 1.
West Ham 1, Coventry City 0.
Derby County 1, Notts County 0.
Wolves 1, South Shields 0.
Palace 1, Bradford City 0.
Leicester City 1, Barnsley 1.
Stockport 1, Bury 0.
Leeds United 2, Port Vale 1.
Wednesday 1, Blackpool 0.
Rotherham County 0, Orient 0.
Hull City 2, Manchester United 1.

LEAGUE III.—SOUTHERN.

Merthyr 1, Southend 0.
Q. P. Rangers 1, Portsmouth 0.
Brentford 1, Plymouth Argyle 0.
Norwich 0, Bristol Rovers 0.
Brighton 0, Northampton 0.
Watford 2, Charlton 1.
Swansea Town 1, Aberdare 0.
Swindon 2, Newport County 1.
Bristol City 2, Gillingham 1.
Exeter City 1, Reading 0.

LEAGUE III.—NORTHERN.

Lincoln City 2, Barrow 1.
Ashington 2, Rochdale 0.
Hartlepools United 3, Nelson 1.
Darlington 0, Stalybrdge 0.
Walsall 3, Wigan Boro 0.
Bradford 2, Grimsby Town 1.
Durham City 0, Chesterfield 0.
Halifax Town 0, Accrington 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Morton 1, Ardrie 0
Falkirk 0, Ayr United 0.
Celtic 1, Aberdeen 0.
Rangers 1, Motherwell 0.
Hamilton 3, Partick 1.
Hearts 0, Third Lanark 0.
Kilmarnock 0, Dundee 0.
Raith Rovers 0, Alloa 0.
St. Mirren 0, Hibs 0.

RUGBY.

England 16 pts., The Rest 8 pts.
Scotland 13 pts., The Rest 3 pts.
United Services (Portsmouth) nil, Blackheath nil.
Harlequins 8 pts., St. Bart.'s 6 pts.

CORINTHIANS GO INT TRAINING.

SEVENTEEN PLAYERS PREPARE FOR THE CUP FINAL

Seventeen Corinthian footballers have gone into special training in preparation for their Cup-tie match with Brighton next Saturday, and thus removed the chief cause of pessimism as to their success.

The training is taking place on the Crystal Palace ground, and the seventeen players are:—

R. Howard Baker, H. P. Bell, A. E. Knight, J. S. F. Morrison, A. G. Bower, J. R. B. Moulsdale, C. B. G. Hunter, L. B. Blaxland, F. H. Ewer, B. C. A. Patchitt, K. E. Hegan, A. H. Phillips, H. Douthwaite, F. N. S. Creek, C. T. Ashton, A. G. Doggart, and A. T. Davies.

On Thursday afternoon the team will travel to Brighton, where they will indulge in light training at the team headquarters, the York Hotel, Brighton.

FRANCE AND RUGBY CENTENARY

In connection with the fact that the game of Rugby football was first played at Rugby School in 1823, it is proposed to celebrate the centenary in some adequate manner in France, says Reuter, and an important match is suggested as one way of marking the anniversary.

The gate money, it is suggested, might be devoted to laying out of a new football ground.

McTIGUE TO FIGHT REEVES.

Articles were signed to-day between Mike McTigue and Harry Reeves, of Plaistow, for a boxing contest of 20 rounds.

The fight will take place on January 15 at the Liverpool Stadium.

SCOTTISH CURLERS WIN.

HALIFAX, Friday.

The Scottish curlers were welcomed at New Glasgow to-day with Highland honours.

Following a luncheon, they marched through the streets to the rink, headed by pipers.

Three rinks of Pictou curlers defeated the Scots by two points this evening, but the Scots won a decisive victory over New Glasgow three rinks with a score of 44 to 30 points.

The winning Scottish rinks were skipped by Aikman Jackson, and Keanie.—Exchange.

ANOTHER BIG SCORE BY A. P. F. CHAPMAN.

McLAREN'S TEAM HIT FREELY IN NEW ZEALAND

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

Play was resumed here to-day in the Test match between Mr. Maclaren's team and New Zealand.

Continuing their first innings with the total at 313 for seven wickets, the home side were all dismissed for 375.

At the close of play the English eleven had lost seven wickets for 329 in their first venture.

Wilson and Titchmarsh opened the M.C.C. innings quietly, and the rate of scoring was slow until, with Wilkinson and Chapman together, a hundred runs were put on for the third wicket in seventy-one minutes.

Chapman hit freely all round the wicket for his 77, which included nine 4's.

Lowry also batted brightly in his innings of 61, among his hits being eleven 4's.

Hartley and Brand made a valuable stand, and were both undefeated when stumps were drawn for the day.

The home side's fielding was indifferent, and several chances were missed.

NEW ZEALAND.—First Innings.

Collins, c and b Brand	102
Blunt, c Freeman, b Brand	33
Snedden, c Titchmarsh, b Brand	0
Lambert, b Freeman	33
Shepherd, lbw, b Calthorpe	66
Gerrard, c McLean, b Calthorpe	6
Dacre, c Titchmarsh, b Calthorpe ...	45
Bernau, c Freeman, b Calthorpe	2
McGirr, not out	40
Allcott, c McLean, b Gibson	16
Condliffe, lbw, b Freeman	1
Extras	31
Total	375

Bowling.—Gibson 1 for 89, Freeman 2 for 80, Brand 3 for 84, Calthorpe 4 for 78.

M.C.C.—First Innings.

G. Wilson, c Shepherd, b McGirr	6
C. H. Titchmarsh, b Bernau	13
A. C. Wilkinson, b Bernau	59
A. P. F. Chapman, b Bernau	77
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, b McGirr	14
T. C. Lowry, st Condliffe, b Garrard ...	61
J. F. McLean, c McGirr, b Allcott	7
Col. J. C. Hartley, not out	43
Hon. D. F. Brand, not out	21
Extras	28
Total (for 7 wkts.)	329

Reuter.

BRITISH SKI CHAMPIONSHIP.

The second day of the British Ski Championship meeting was occupied with a Novices' Race over a course starting 1,500 feet above Murren (says Reuter), and ending at the railway.

The race started in heavy mist, and several competitors consequently lost their way. The first four runners showed considerable dash.

The race was won by Mr. H. Ford, who shows signs of becoming a first-class runner in a very short time.

In the afternoon the Ladies' Race was run over the same course.

The mist had cleared away, and the race was won by Miss Olga Major.

Miss Betty Schuster, daughter of Sir Claude Schuster, had the misfortune to collide with a tree, in which her skis got fastened, and whilst she was extricating herself she was passed by Miss Farrer, who was second.

Miss Schuster finished third, but ran the course in brilliant style.—Reuter.

W. T. TILDEN'S RETURN.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

W. T. Tilden, the lawn tennis champion, played his first match here today since the middle finger of his right hand was amputated. He defeated his opponent, Francis Hunter, by 3—6, 7—5, 6—4, and astonished the spectators by the all-round quality of his play.

Experts, observing his ability to grip the racket, expressed the opinion that there is no doubt that by the summer he will have regained his usual form.—Reuter.

SIKI IN TRAINING.

Battling Siki returned to Paris yesterday, says the Central News, after a week spent in Belgium.

He commences his training for the fight with Carpentier immediately.

STABLE LADS' MONEY MATCH

On Monday next, embodied in the programme at the National Sporting Club for the tournament arranged on behalf of St. Dunstan's, there will be a ten rounds contest between A. Orme (B. Jarvis) and F. Johns, representing Major W. W. Beatty.

These boys are matched at 5st. 6lb. for £25 a side, which amount has been lodged with the organisers, and a marble clock will be presented to the winner by the proprietors of "The Jockey."

Now the alterations have been completed at the Drill Hall, Tredegar-road, Bow, E., boxing will be resumed weekly, commencing on Monday evening, January 22.

Albion Rovers 3, Clyde 0.
Kilmarnock 2, Dundee 0.
West Ham 1, Coventry City 0.
Southend 1, Merthyr 1.
Hearts 2, Third Lanark 0.
Raith Rovers 1, Alloa 0.
St. Mirren 2, Hibernians 1.
England 39 pts, Rest 9 pts.
Blackheath 8 pts., United Services 0.
Scotland 18 pts, Rest 3 pts.
Llanelly 3 pts, Swansea 0.

Bradford 2, Grimsby Town 1.
Darlington 1, Stalybridge 0.
Portsmouth 1, Q. P. Rangers 1.
Palace 2, Bradford City 0.
Brighton 1, Northampton 0.
Huddersfield 1, Everton 0.
Derby County 2, Notts County 1.
South Shields 1, Wolves 1.
Spurs 2, Middlesbro 0.
Manchester United 3, Hull City 2.
Fulham 1, Southampton 1.
Preston 3, Villa 2.
Rotherham County 0, Orient 0.
Southport 1, Wrexham 0.
Blackpool 3, Wednesday 2.
Swansea 1, Aberdare 0.
Sunderland 2, Birmingham 1.
Brentford 2, Plymouth 0.
Sheffield United 4, Burnley 1.
Bristol City 2, Gillingham 1.
Leeds United 2, Port Vale 1.
Manchester City 3, Oldham 0.
Cardiff City 1, Bolton 0.
Norwich 0, Bristol Rovers 0.
Hamilton 6, Partick 1.
West Bromwich 3, Blackburn 0.
London Scots 32 pts, London Hospital 3.
St. Bart's 18 pts, Harlequins 17 pts.

Coventry 10 pts, London Welsh 5.
Halifax Town 0, Accrington 0.
Walsall 3, Wigan Boro' 1.
Exeter City 4, Reading 0.
Stoke 1, Arsenal 0.
Leicester City 2, Barnsley 2.
Stockport 1, Bury 0.
Watford 2, Charlton 2.
Guy's Hospital 20 pts, O.M.T.S. 3 pts.
Newport County 2, Swindon 2.
Durham City 1, Chesterfield 1.

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